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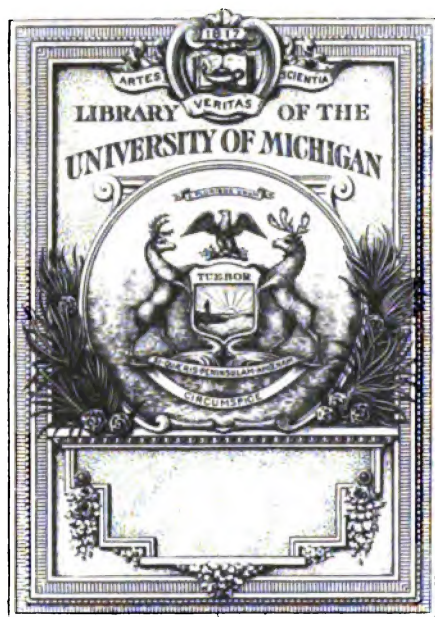
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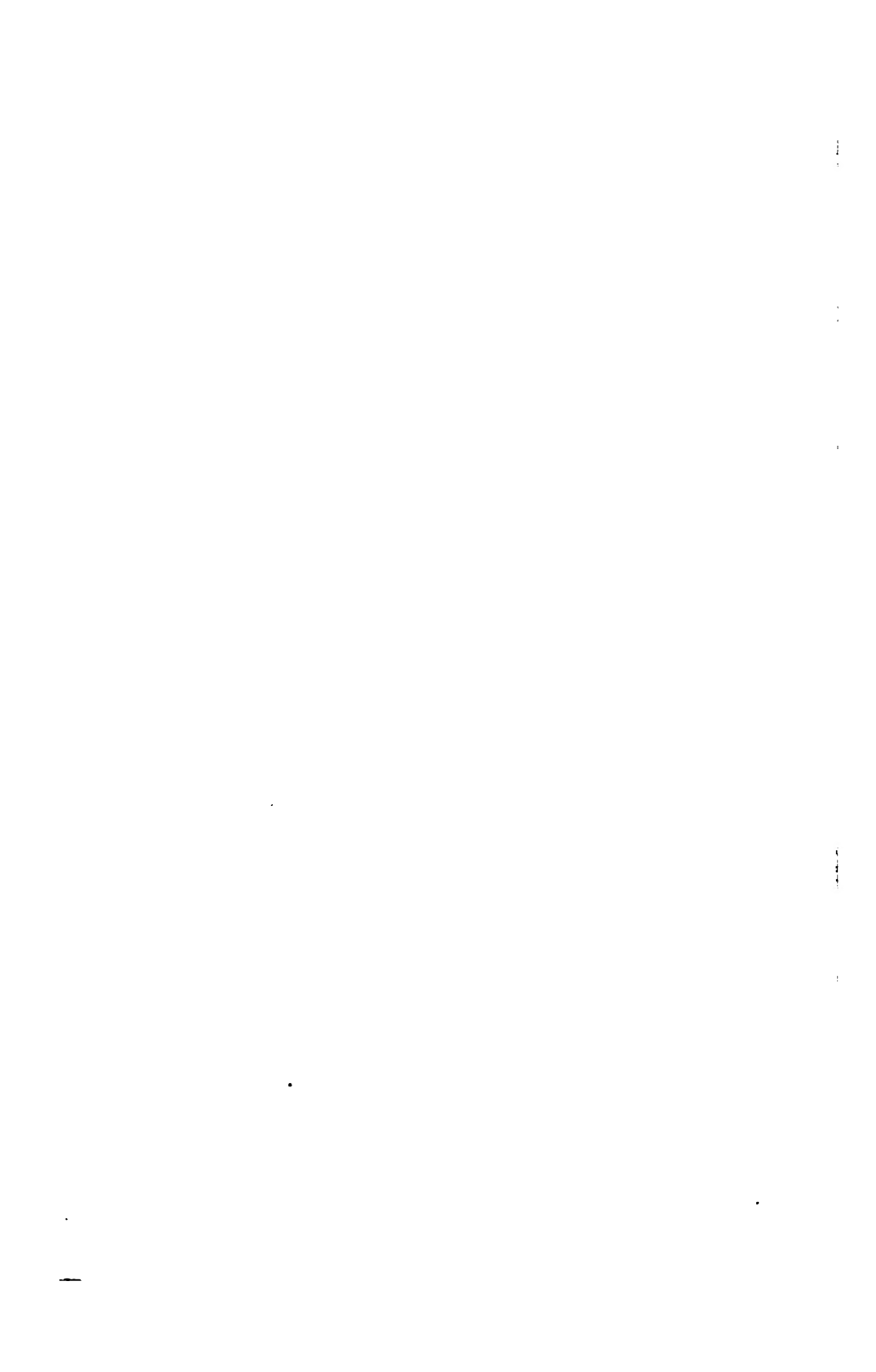
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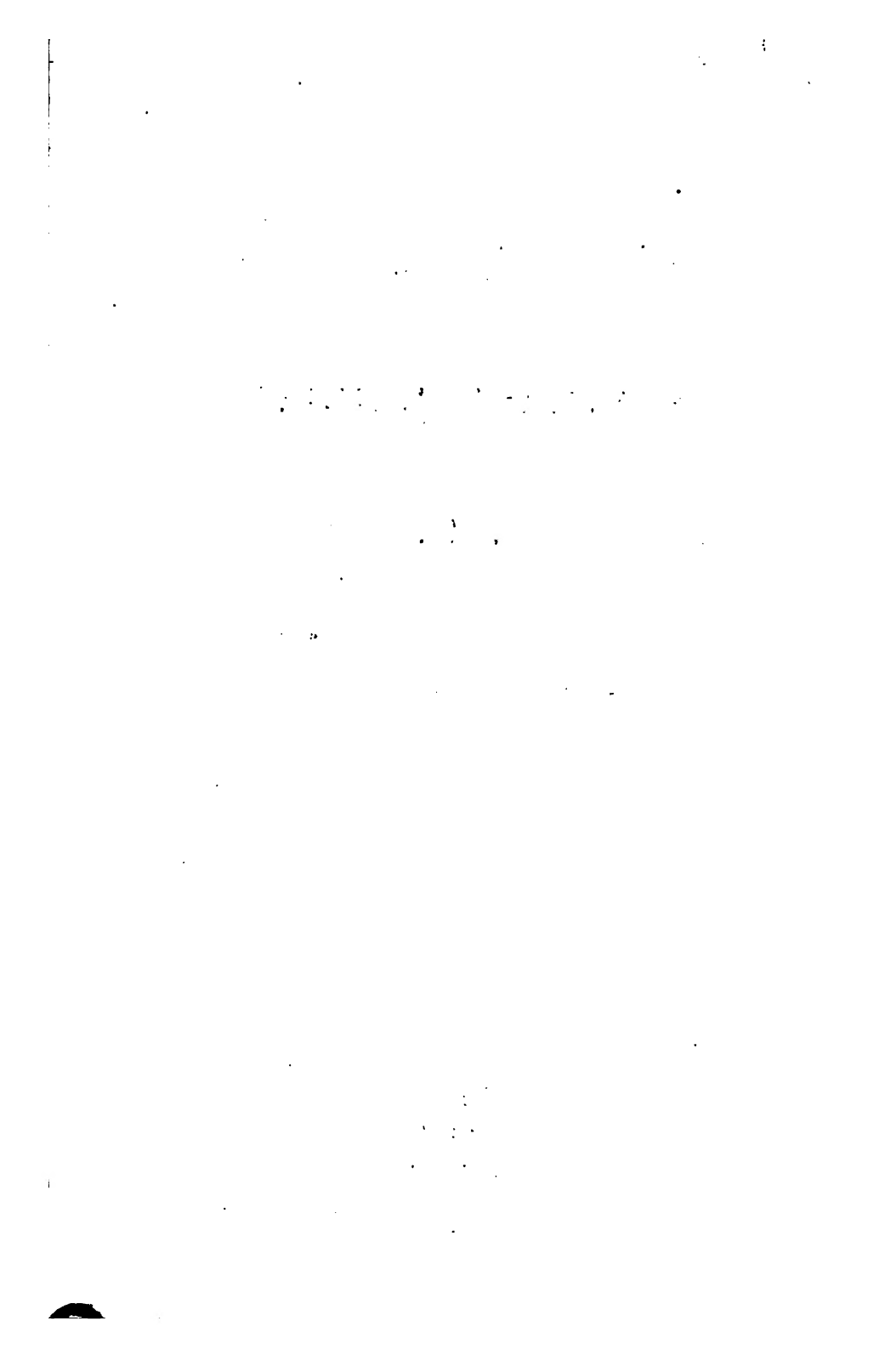
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Monday, January 3, 1848.

This being the day designated by the constitution of the state of Michigan for the assembling of the legislature, and the members of the House of Representatives having assembled in the hall of the House in the capitol at Michigan, they were called to order by Hon. John D. Pierce of Calhoun ;

On whose motion, Hon. Hiram Stone, of Monroe, was unanimously chosen Speaker *pro tempore*.

On motion of Hon. Almon Mack, of Oakland,

Augustine W. Hovey was unanimously appointed Clerk, *pro tempore*.

On motion of Hon. N. Buel Eldredge, of Lapeer,

John P. Hubbard was unanimously appointed Sergeant-at-Arms, *pro tempore*.

On motion of Hon. John D. Pierce,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to wait on the Chief Justice, and request him to attend in the House to administer the oaths of office to the members elect.

The Speaker *pro tempore* appointed as such committee, Messrs. Pierce of Calhoun, and Young of Wayne, who, after a short absence, returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them ; and thereupon Hon. Epaphroditus Ransom appeared, when the following members elect were sworn in and took their seats, viz :

Barry—Nathan Barlow.

- Berrien*—Jehiel Enos.
Branch—Alvarado Brown, Benjamin F. Ferris.
Calhoun—John D. Pierce, Hiram Smith, Abner E. Campbell.
Cass—George B. Turner, Milo Powell.
Clinton—Samuel M. Scott.
Eaton—Welles R. Martin.
Genesee—William Blades, Samuel N. Warren.
Hillsdale—Luke Hazen, Zebulon Williams.
Ingham—George Mathews.
Ionia—Ananias Worden.
Jackson—Henry H. Bingham, Samuel H. Palmer.
Kalamazoo—Stephen Vickery.
Kent and Ottawa—Charles H. Taylor, Silas G. Harris.
Lapeer—N. Buel Eldredge.
Lenawee—David B. Dennis, Joseph H. Patterson, Davis D. Bennett,
Daniel G. Quackenboss, Elihu L. Clark.
Livingston—Chester Hazard, Robert Crouse.
Macomb—Henry D. Terry, John B. St. John, Minot T. Lane.
Michilimackinac—Jonathan P. King.
Monroe—Hiram Stone, James Mulhollen.
Oakland—Almon Mack, Solomon W. Denton, Zebina M. Mowry,
Isaac I. Voorheis, Francis Baker, Ezra P. Baldwin.
Saginaw—Murdoch Frazer.
Shiawassee—Mortimer B. Martin.
St. Clair—Elihu Granger, Reuben B. Dimond.
St. Joseph—William Morris.
Van Buren—John McKinney.
Washtenaw—Edwin Lawrence, James Kingsley, Grove Spencer,
William Burnett, Lyman Carver.
Wayne—Alexander W. Buel, Jed P. C. Emmons, Cyrus Howard,
Hiram H. Stone, Ambrose P. Young, Bethuel Noyes.

Mr. Emmons offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a two thirds vote :

Resolved, That this House adopt the rules of the last House of Representatives for its government until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to inform the Sen-

that the House was now organized and ready to proceed to business.

The Speaker *pro tempore* appointed as such committee, Messrs. Eldredge and Vickery, who, after a short absence, returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

A committee from the Senate was announced, consisting of Senators Eldredge and Balch, who informed the House that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed to business.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, January 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit a joint resolution in regard to joint rules, &c., which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAS. E. PLATT,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution in regard to joint rules, and rules of joint conventions was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate that the House was now ready to meet them in joint convention for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, January 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit a joint resolution for the appointment of a committee to make arrangements with the post master of Michigan in relation to the postage of officers and members, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAS. E. PLATT,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution in relation to postage, was read and adopted, and Messrs. Emmons and Williams appointed a committee on the part of the House, under the resolution.

The Honorable the Senate of the state of Michigan was then announced, and the Senators conducted to seats.

PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The joint convention was called to order by the President of the Senate.

The roll of the Senate was called by the Secretary, and the roll of the House of Representatives was called by the Clerk.

On motion of Senator Hart,

Two tellers were ordered to be appointed to canvass the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

And the President appointed as such tellers, Senator Hart and Mr. Crouse.

The several returns were then given to the tellers, who, upon making examination, announced that no returns had been received from the county of Barry, and that the returns received from the county of Saginaw did not embrace the votes cast for Lieutenant Governor.

The tellers then reported that the votes given for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, were as follows :

Epaphroditus Ransom had received for the office of Governor,	24,639
James M. Edmunds, " " " " "	18,990
All others,	2,689
Total number of votes cast for Governor,	46,318
William M. Fenton received for the office of Lieut. Governor,	23,993
Hiram L. Miller " " " "	19,047
All others,	2,604
	45,646

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, It appears from the constitutional canvass, that Epaphroditus Ransom has received the highest number of votes for the office of Governor ; therefore

Resolved by this joint convention, That Epaphroditus Ransom be and he is declared duly elected Governor of the state of Michigan.

And whereas, It appears from the constitutional canvass that William M. Fenton has received the highest number of votes for the office of Lieutenant Governor ; therefore,

Resolved by this joint convention, That William M. Fenton be and he is duly elected Lieutenant Governor of the state of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to inform Messrs. Ransom and Fenton of their election, and that the convention were ready to induct them into office.

The President appointed Mr. Pierce and Senator Fitzgerald as said committee, who, after a short time returned, accompanied by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect, who thereupon were sworn into office by Hon. E. Mundy, Attorney General.

On motion of Senator Denton,

The convention adjourned *sine die*.

JAS. E. PLATT,

Secretary pro tem. of the Senate.

A. W. HOVEY,

Clerk pro tem. of the House of Representatives.

The House was called to order by the Speaker *pro tem.*, and

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Proceeded to the election of Speaker, the members severally voting as follows, when their names were called :

FOR A. W. BUEL :

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Ferria,

Mr. Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Noyes,

Mr. Palmer,
Patterson,
Powell,
Quackenbosc,
Scott,
Smith,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Worden,
Young,

FOR EDWIN LAWRENCE :

Mr. Barlow,
Blades,
Burnett,
Clark,

Mr. Hazen,
Mathews,
Spencer,
Terry,

Mr. Vickery,
Warren,
Williams,

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FOR FLAVIUS J. LITTLEJOHN :

Mr. Buel,

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FOR GROVE SPENCER :

Mr. Lawrence,

1

Alexander W. Buel having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to inform Mr. Buel of his election, and conduct him to the chair.

The Speaker *pro tempore* appointed as such committee Messrs. Eldredge and Taylor, who performed the duty assigned them, and upon taking the chair,

Mr. Buel addressed the House as follows :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The present occasion forms a new era in the history of Michigan. Here is a new assembly in a new capitol. The natural scene harmonizes with the simplicity of republican institutions, and you can here realize, with more than ordinary force, some of the great features of American civilization ; a people without a King—a government without a throne—a capitol without the splendor of a royal court.

The popular will has summoned you to hold and exercise for a season, a share of the legislative power, whilst, by your distinguished favor, I am called to preside over your deliberations in the discharge of that high trust.

In undertaking a duty so responsible, I should do injustice to my own feelings in allowing the present opportunity to pass without recognizing, in suitable terms, the compliment thus bestowed. As a token of personal regard, I accept it with the deepest emotions of gratitude ; as a testimony of official confidence, with a high sense of the obligations it imposes. As the former, it creates a connexion which the future should strengthen ; as the latter, a relation, honorable, indeed, though burdened with many cares. Here it forms ties which no change should sever ; there, a union, for which I pray time may bring

no regrets. Now, it appeals to the heart for some greatful return, and now disturbs the mind with apprehension lest friendly hopes may fail.

I approach the task thus honorably assigned to me, with a deep sense of its many embarrassments ; but the kindness and liberality by which I am now sustained, I trust will not be withdrawn, when I may seek your aid and co-operation in the accomplishment of the great objects of our session. In such a service we should be proud to engage. To your labors, I promise the addition of my humble efforts, so far as consistent with the duties just imposed upon me, never forgetting that, if it be the province of him, who addresses you, to guide your action, it must be by forms which you yourselves preescribe ; whilst it is your province to exercise a freedom and independence, which are the proper attributes of the sovereign power.

Our office is one of high honor and confidence, representing in part the popular branch of the state sovereignty. We have especially the guardianship of those interests, which most nearly concern the popular rights and liberties. Attention, fidelity, prudence, study, reflection, patience, deliberation and order, are among our first duties as legislators. Caution without suspicion, expedition without rashness, deliberation without delay, and firmness without obstinacy will best enable us to keep and discharge the sacred trust.

But a few years have elapsed since a neighboring sister state planted her capitol in the wilderness. Now she rises a Queen of the Valley. In her youthful vigor she aspires to competition with those whose population, wealth and power are the accumulation of centuries. In imitating her example, fortune withholds not from Michigan her favoring smiles. To her fertility of soil, her industrious and intelligent population, her inland oceans for her boundaries, let us add a well ordered system of legislation, and she may well aspire to become Queen State of the Lakes.

Representatives, I beg your indulgence and liberality, whilst, as your presiding officer, I add my humble services to yours in bringing such honor to our beloved state.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The House proceeded to elect a Clerk, with the following result :

FOR AUGUSTINE W. HOVEY :

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,

Mr. Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,

Mr. Patterson,
Pierce,
Powell,

Bingham,	King,	Scott,
Brown,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Campbell,	Lane,	St. John,
Carver,	Mack,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Dennis,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,
Denton,	McKinney,	Taylor,
Dimond,	Morris,	Turner,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Mulhollen,	Worden,
Enos,	Noyes,	Young,
Ferris,	Palmer,	Speaker,
Frazer,		

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FOR ROBERT THOMPSON :

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Terry,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Vickery,
Burnett,	Mathews,	Warren,
Clark,	Spencer,	Williams,

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Augustine W. Hovey having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The House proceeded to the election of Sergeant-at-Arms, which resulted as follows :

FOR J. P. HUBBARD :

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pierce,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Powell,
Bennett,	Howard,	Quackenboss,
Bingham,	King,	Scott,
Brown,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Carver,	Lane,	St. John,
Crouse,	Mack,	H. Stone,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Denton,	McKinney,	Strong,
Dimond,	Morris,	Taylor,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Turner,
Emmons,	Mulhollen,	Voorhies,
Enos,	Noyes,	Worden,
Ferris,	Palmer,	Young,
Frazer,	Patterson,	Speaker,
Granger,		

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FOR C. KELLOGG :

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. Vickery,
Burnett,	Mathews,	Warren,
Clark,	Spencer,	Williams,
Hazen,	Terry,	

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And John P. Hubbard was declared duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to respectfully inform the House that Senators Balch and Eldredge have been appointed a committee on the part of the Senate to join a like committee on the part of the House, to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two Houses are now organized and prepared to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAS. E. PLATT,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House to act with a like committee on the part of the Senate, to inform the Governor that the two Houses are now organized and ready to receive any communication which he may be pleased to make.

The Speaker appointed as such committee, Messrs. Pierce and Lawrence, who, after a short absence returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and received for answer that the Executive would immediately communicate to the two Houses in writing.

On motion of Mr. Hazard,

The House proceeded to elect an Engrossing, Enrolling and Recording Clerk, with the following result :

FOR GEO. W. JEWETT :

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Brown,
Carver,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,

Mr. Harris,
Hazard,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
McKiney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Noyes,

Mr. Palmer,
Patterson,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Scott,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

FOR A. T. CROSSMAN :

Mr. Barlow,
Blades,
Burnett,
Clark,

Mr. Hazen,
Mathews,
Spencer,

Mr. Terry,
Warren,
Williams,

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And George W. Jewett was declared duly elected.

The annual message of the Governor was received through the hands of his Private Secretary, and was read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

It was ordered that the hour for the meeting of the House shall be ten o'clock, A. M., until further ordered.

Mr. Emmons offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That there be printed for the use of this House, three thousand copies of the Governor's message, in the English language, five hundred in the German and three hundred in the French.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The resolution was amended by striking out "three" before "thousand," and inserting "one," and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Eldredge offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be authorized to appoint three messengers, who shall receive such compensation for their services as shall be by law appropriated for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, January 4, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called, and the members were all present, except Mr. Mulhollen.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Flavius J. Littlejohn, Representative elect from the county of Allegan, Simeon G. Strong, Representative elect from the county of Jackson, James I. Russell, Representative elect from the county of Monroe, and Levi Patchen, Representative elect from the county St. Joseph, appeared at the bar of the House, were sworn in by the Speaker, and took their seats.

The Speaker announced the following as the standing committees :
Ways and Means—Messrs. Littlejohn, Emmons, Taylor, Vickery and Mack.

State Affairs—Messrs. Emmons, Frazer, Patterson, McKinney and Barlow.

Judiciary—Messrs. Kingsley, Campbell, Lawrence, Terry and Noyes.

Internal Improvement—Messrs. Crouse, Harris, Granger, Murray and Littlejohn.

Harbors—Messrs. Dennis, Mulhollen, Terry, Carver and Baker.

Claims—Messrs. Turner, Crouse, H. H. Stone, W. R. Martin and St. John.

Elections—Messrs. M. B. Martin, Howard, Mathews, Mulhollen and Bennett.

Federal Relations—Messrs. Hiram Stone, King, Enos, Clark and Dimond.

Banks and Incorporations—Messrs. Pierce, Dennis, Spencer, Morris and H. Stone.

Public Lands—Messrs. Eldredge, Bingham, Barlow, Smith and Lane.

Printing—Messrs. Denton, Dimon I, Palmer, Russell, and Patchen.

Education—Messrs. Quackenboss, Scott, Howard, Blades, and Ferris.

Engrossment and Enrollment—Messrs. Noyes, Baker, H. H. Stone, Voorheis and Burnett.

Agriculture and Manufactures—Messrs. Voorheis, Mathews and Powell.

Militia—Messrs. Young, Warren and Eldredge.

Supplies and Expenditures—Messrs. King, Baldwin and Burnett.

Organization of Townships and Counties—Messrs. Lane, Morris and Young.

State Prison—Messrs. Strong, Williams and Mowry.

Roads and Bridges—Messrs. Voorheis, Hazen and Hazard.

State Library—Messrs. Brown, Campbell and Morris.

Indian Affairs—Messrs. Frazer, Scott and Worden.

The Speaker appointed as Messengers, under the resolution adopted yesterday, Rodney George Hart, Dewitt Clinton Cooper and John James Bush.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Amended by striking out "1846, and" in the last line.

Mr. Emmons moved a suspension of the twenty-first rule, so that the joint resolution could now be read the third time, which motion prevailed; and the resolution was adopted as amended.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to have printed one hundred and fifty copies of a manual, embracing the constitution of the state, the rules of the House and Senate, the joint rules of both Houses, and the other subjects embraced in the manual of the last legislature;

Which resolution was,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several clergymen of this place in regular standing, be invited to officiate alternately as chaplains of this House during the present session.

Mr. Lane offered the following as a substitute for the resolution which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That on to-morrow, at eleven o'clock, this House will proceed to the election of chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Resolved, That a select committee consisting of five members be appointed, for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the claims of Andrew Harvie and Henry M. Dodge, severally asserting a right to a seat in this House as the member from Chippewa county, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Emmons moved that the House now proceed to the election of door keeper.

Mr. Terry moved that the motion be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,

Mr. Hazen,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,

Mr. Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
Strong,
Taylor,

Campbell,
Carver,
Clark,
Crouse,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Hazard,

M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Pierce,
Powell,

Terry,
Vickery,
Voorhels,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Granger,

Mr. Harris,
Howard,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Patterson,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Russell,
Scott,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Turner,
Young,
Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Resolved, That a committee consisting of five members, and to be denominated the "Committee on Mines and Minerals," be added to the standing committees of the House.

Mr. Eldredge gave notice that on to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill to change the name of the town of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized to appoint one fireman for the House of Representatives, who shall receive such compensation for his services as shall be appropriated by law for that purpose.

Mr. Emmons offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Andrew Harvie and Henry M. Dodge be permitted to take seats in this House with the privilege of speaking, but not of voting ;

Which resolution was,

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Laid on the table.

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Lane,
Lawrence,

Mr. Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
Strong,
Taylor,

Campbell,
Carver,
Clark,
Crouse,
Ferrie,
Frazer,
Hazard,

M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Pierce,
Powell,

Terry,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,

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Baldwin,
Dennis,
Denton,
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Mr. Eldredge gave notice that on to-morrow he should ask leave to introduce a bill to change the name of the town of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized to appoint one fireman for the House of Representatives, who shall receive such compensation for his services as shall be appropriated by law for that purpose.

Mr. Emmons offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Andrew Harvie and Henry M. Dodge be permitted to take seats in this House with the privilege of speaking, but not of voting ;

Which resolution was,

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, January 5, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called, and the members were all present.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Vickery stated that his colleague, Edwin H. Lothrop, Representative elect from the county of Kalamazoo, was present, whereupon Mr. Lothrop appeared, subscribed and took the constitutional oath, and took his seat.

The Speaker appointed as the select committee on the subject of the Chippewa county contested election, Messrs. Littlejohn, H. Stone, Vickery, Campbell and Strong.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Vickery, of ninety-eight citizens of the village of Kalamazoo, praying the legislature to charter a bank to be located in that village. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Denton, of David Paddack, for the setting off of certain lands from the corporate limits of the village of Pontiac; and

The petition of Solomon Close, for the setting off of certain lands from the corporate limits of the village of Pontiac; which petitions were referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Dennis, of F. G. Beaman and one hundred and thirty-four others, for an amendment to the charter of the Adrian and Coldwater plank road company. Same reference.

By Mr. Clark, of R. E. Bird, of Lenawee county, for relief. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Dennis, of Zephaniah K. Johnson, to have certain forfeited moneys repaid to him out of the primary school fund. Same reference.

By Mr. Dennis, of Horace Garlick, administrator on the estate of Jacob Baker, deceased, for a law to authorize said Garlick to sell the real estate of said deceased. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Emmons, from the joint committee appointed to make arrangements relative to postage, made the following report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged:

The committee on the part of the House, to whom was referred the

subject of postage, under the joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives, beg leave respectfully to report, that, upon examination they find that by existing postage laws, the postage upon all papers must be pre-paid, when not mailed by the publishers. That upon the mailing of any other publication or communication, the postage may or may not be pre-paid, at the option of the persons so mailing the same. That your committee would recommend the passage of a resolution authorizing the post master to charge to the state the postage upon all communications and documents already received and hereafter to be received by officers and members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and also charge the state with the postage upon all newspapers and documents mailed by the Senate and the officers thereof, and the members of the House and the officers thereof.

Your committee would further report, that the post master requires every paper or document mailed, to have the name of the Senator or member or officer endorsed thereon, with the proper initials or abbreviation designating the branch to which he belongs, and recommend that documents or papers be enveloped in pamphlet form, otherwise letter postage will be charged thereon.

The following communication was announced from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 5, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to respectfully inform the House that they have concurred in the House amendment to the joint resolution directing the Secretary of State to furnish the members of each House, &c., a copy of the revised statutes, &c.

Also, to transmit a joint resolution relative to the printing of a manual for the use of the present legislature ; and

A joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint a private secretary, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAS. E. PLATT,
Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution relative to printing a manual for the present legislature, was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The rules were suspended, and the joint resolution was read the third time and adopted.

The joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint a private secretary, was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The rules were suspended, and the joint resolution read the third time, and the question being on its adoption, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Resolved, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be tendered to the Methodist and Congregational societies of this town for the purpose of holding religious meetings on the Sabbath, during this session.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The vote by which was adopted the joint resolution relative to printing a manual for the present legislature, was reconsidered, and the resolution being before the House, it was,

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Amended by inserting the words "kind of" before "information," in the sixth line.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The joint resolution was further amended by adding thereto the following: "And that an extra number be printed, sufficient for the supply of one copy to each member of the next legislature, and that such extra copies be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State."

The joint resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Emmons introduced a joint resolution relative to postage, which was read twice, when

Mr. Lothrop moved that its further consideration be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The rule was suspended, and the joint resolution was ordered to a third reading, read the third time and adopted.

Mr. Spencer moved a suspension of the rule prescribing the order of business, so that the House could now go into the election of chaplain, which motion was decided in the negative by the following vote, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Russell,
Barlow,	King,	Scott,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Blades,	Lane,	Spencer,
Brown,	Lawrence,	St. John,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Campbell,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,
Carver,	Mowry,	Terry,
Clark,	Mulhollen,	Voorheis,
Eldredge,	Noyes,	Warren,
Emmons,	Palmer,	Williams,
Ferrie,	Patchen,	Young,
Granger,	Pierce,	Speaker, 30

NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Patterson,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Powell,
Crouse,	Howard,	Quackenboss,
Dennis,	Lothrop,	H. H. Stone,
Denton,	Mack,	Taylor,
Dimond,	M. B. Martin,	Turner,
Enos,	McKinney,	Worden,
Frazer,	Morris,	23

Mr. Eldredge, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to change the name of the town of Michigan ;

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn introduced a resolution referring the various subjects contained in the Governor's annual message to the appropriate committees, which resolution was,

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of an entire revision of the present systems of pleadings and practice, and also of so altering and modifying existing provisions of law as to do away entirely with the distinctions between law and equity in our courts of record, and report by bill or otherwise.

The following message was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, January 5, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith transmit to you for the use of both Houses, the report of the commissioners appointed to select and designate a site on which to erect the capitol and other state buildings.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The report of the commissioners appointed to locate the capitol, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

Resolved, That the petitions of Andrew Harvie and Henry M. Dodge, to be admitted as members of the House, with the accompanying papers, be taken from the table and referred to the select committee heretofore appointed to examine the claims of said petitioners.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The Governor's annual message was referred to the committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Bingham,

The House proceeded to the business of electing a chaplain ; and on calling the roll, the members severally voted as follows :

For JAMES SHAW—Messrs. Baker, Blades, Eldredge, Frazer, Granger, Kingsley, Lawrence, Littlejohn, Mowry, Mulhollen, Russell, Spencer, H. Stone, Turner, Voorheis, Warren, Young, 17.

For SIDNEY S. BROWN—Messrs. Bennett, Carver, King, Lane, Mack, Palmer, Pierce, Smith, Strong, Terry, 10.

For B. F. MILLERD—Messrs. Barlow, Bingham, Dennis, Enos, W. R. Martin, Noyes, Quackenboss, H. H. Stone, 8.

For JOHN D. PIERCE—Messrs. Campbell, Ferris, Powell, Taylor, Speaker, 5.

For J. H. SANFORD—Messrs. Crouse, Hazard, Howard, McKinney, 4.

For SAMUEL LAPHAM—Messrs. Clark, Williams, 2.

For JONATHAN LAMB—Messrs. Emmons, Scott, 2.

For Mr. HATHAWAY—Messrs. Hazen, Morris, 2.

For Mr. HILL—Messrs. Mathews, Patchen, 2.

For JOHN DOE—Mr. Baldwin, 1.

For Mr. COOPER—Mr. Burnett, 1.

For OLIVER C. COMSTOCK—Mr. Brown, 1.

For CHARLES NICOL—Mr. Denton, 1.

For Mr. AVERY—Mr. Dimond, 1.

For Mr. FITCH—Mr. Harris, 1.

For HIRAM L. MILLER—Mr. Lothrop, 1.

For Mr. BATES—Mr. M. B. Martin, 1.

For Mr. GOODMAN—Mr. St. John, 1.

For Mr. BLADES—Mr. Worden, 1.

Blank—Mr. Patterson, 1.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, January 6, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Granger and Scott were absent without leave.

Mr. Mack asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Granger for an indefinite time.

Mr. Emmons for Mr. Scott for an indefinite time.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Emmons. The claim of James Watkins, for extra services performed at the depot of the Central rail road at Detroit. Referred to the committee on claims.

Also, the claim of Theodore Romeyn, for compensation for services rendered, and money paid, to induce the immigration of Hollanders to this state. Same reference.

By Mr. Taylor. The petition of the township board of the township of Caledonia, in the county of Kent, for a law authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain lands in said township. Referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Campbell. The claim of David Van Arman, of Calhoun county, for damages for non-fulfilment of a certain contract. Referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the legislature, and for other purposes ;

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the claim of Zephaniah K. Johnson, without action, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Leave was granted to Mr. Johnson to withdraw the papers relative to his claim.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Attorney General :

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 6, 1848. }

HON. A. W. BUEL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

SIR :—Enclosed, I have the honor to transmit to you, to be laid before the House of Representatives, my annual report.

Yours, &c.,

E. MUNDY,
Attorney General.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The annual report of the Attorney General was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eldredge moved a reconsideration of the vote by which was yesterday adopted the joint resolution relative to postage.

Mr. Taylor moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Emmons,
Ferris,

Mr. Frazer,
Harris,
Hazard,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,

Mr. Noyes,
Palmer,
Pierce,
Smith,
St. John,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Turner,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Blades,
Burnett,
Clark,
Dennis,
Eldredge,
Enos,
Hazen,
Lane,

Mr. Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
Mathews,
Mulhollen,
Patchen,
Patterson,
Powell,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Russell,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Terry,
Vickery,
Voorhies,
Warren,

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Mr. Mack gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to repeal sections forty-four, forty-five and forty-six of chapter one hundred and fifty of the revised statutes.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the ministers of religion, of all denominations, residing in this village, and having the charge of congregations, be, and they are hereby requested to open the daily sessions of the House of Representatives with prayer, in such order of rotation as shall be most convenient to themselves ; and that they receive for their compensation such sums as the members of the House see fit to contribute ;

Which resolution was adopted by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Benrett,
Brown,
Carver,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Ferrie,
Frazer,
Hazard,

Mr. Hazen,
King
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Patterson,

Mr. St. John,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorhies,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bingham,
Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Dennis,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Harris,
Howard,

Mr. Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Pierce,

Mr. Powell,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Warren,

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On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Resolved, That the committee on public lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating so much from the proceeds of the sale of lots in the town of Michigan, as shall be sufficient to clear the streets, and lay down a plank walk on one side of Washington street, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Kingsley gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Lansing and Dexter plank and turnpike road company.

Mr. Young gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend sections twenty and twenty-one of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes.

Mr. McKinney gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section six of chapter twenty-five and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes ;

A bill to amend chapter fifty-eight ; and

A bill to amend section fifty-five of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, which was the election of a chaplain,

Mr. Crouse moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,
Brown,
Carver,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Enos,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Harris,

Mr. Howard,
Hazard,
King,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patterson,
Powell,

Mr. Quackenboss,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bingham,
Blades,
Burnett,

Mr. Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,

Mr. Pierce,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,

Campbell,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Hazen,

W. R. Martin,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Patc' en,

Terry,
Warren,
Speaker,

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The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Littlejohn in the chair.

And after some time, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported that they had had under consideration,

A bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, and a resolution of reference in regard to the Governor's message, to which bill and resolution they had made sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

The amendments to the bill to change the name of the township of Michigan, were severally concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments to the resolution of reference in regard to the Governor's message, were concurred in in gross, and the resolution was adopted in the following form :

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the finances of the state be referred to the committee on ways and means. Also, that so much of said message as relates to internal improvement, be referred to the committee on internal improvement. Also, that so much of said message as relates to the judiciary, and the judicial system, and proposed amendments to the constitution, be referred to the committee on the judiciary. Also, that so much of said message as relates to the selection and confirmation and leasing of state lands in the upper peninsula, be referred to the committee on federal relations. Also, that so much of the message as relates to the state lands generally, whether held in its own right or as trustee for certain funds, be referred to the committee on public lands. Also, that so much of said message as relates to the state prison, be referred to the committee on state prison. Also, that so much of said message as relates to common schools and the university, with their respective funds, be referred to the committee on education. Also, that so much of said message as relates to militia and military subjects generally, be referred to the committee on the militia. Also, that so much of said message as relates to the improvement, by a canal, of the Ste. Marie, through the agency of an incorporation, be referred to the committee

on banks and incorporations. Also, that so much of said message as relates to the subject of the Holland Colony, the sale of lands and the construction of roads for their benefit ; and also the management of emigration generally, be referred to the committee on state affairs. Also, that so much of said message as relates to theatrical exhibitions and public shows, be referred to the committee on ways and means. Also, that so much of said message as relates to the state tax, be referred to the committee on ways and means. Also, that so much of said message as relates to the war with Mexico, be referred to the committee on federal relations. Also, that so much of said message as relates to the establishment of a statistical bureau, be referred to the committee on state affairs.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,
The House adjourned.

Friday, January 7, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Granger and Scott were absent on leave, and Messrs. H. Stone, Vickery and Voorheis were absent without leave.

Mr. Terry asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Vickery for the day, on account of ill health.

Mr. Mack for Mr. Voorheis, for the same time, and on the same account.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Emmons moved to be excused from serving on the committee on ways and means, which motion prevailed, and the Speaker appointed Mr. Lothrop to act on said committee.

The Speaker appointed as four members of the committee on mines and minerals, Messrs. Littlejohn, Lothrop, Lawrence and Taylor.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Taylor, of Asa Pratt, a settler on the state salt spring lands, praying for relief. Referred to the committee on public lands.

Also, of Knowlton S. Pettibone, asking pay for services rendered. Referred to the committee on claims.

Also, of E. B. Bostwick and twenty-four others, inhabitants of Kent county, asking for the discontinuance of a certain state road. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Smith, the claim of M. Collamer. Referred to the committee on claims.

Also the claim of W. W. Lawrence, clerk of the supreme court at Jackson, for removing court rooms from Ann Arbor to Jackson. Referred to the committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to change the name of the village of Michigan.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, made the following report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged :

The committee on the public lands have had the resolution under consideration, in which they were "instructed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating so much from the proceeds of the sale of the lots in the town of Michigan, as shall be sufficient to clear the streets and lay down a plank walk on one side of Washington street," and have instructed me to report, that the fund belonging to the primary schools, ought not, in their opinion, to be diverted from its natural channel upon any pretext whatever, and that the committee are therefore unanimous in their opinion, that it would be inexpedient to make the appropriation alluded to, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of that subject.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back the petition of Horace Garlick and others, for the passage of a law authorizing the sale of the real estate of Jacob Baker, deceased, and reported adverse to any legislative action thereon ;

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Speaker announced the following communication :

STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 7, 1848. }

Hon. ALEX. W. BUEL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives* :
I submit herewith the annual report of this office for the fiscal year 1847.

Yours, very respectfully,

GEO. B. COOPER,

State Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The report of the State Treasurer was referred to the committee on ways and means.

The following communications were received:

STATE LAND OFFICE, }
Marshall, January 7, 1848. }

HON. ALEXANDER W. BUEL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

The annual report of this office for the last fiscal year is herewith respectfully submitted by

Your obedient servant,

ABIEL SILVER,
Commissioner.

STATE LAND OFFICE, }
Marshall, January 7, 1848. }

HON. ALEXANDER W. BUEL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

The annual report of the Board of State Auditors on land claims, for the last fiscal year is herewith respectfully submitted by

Your obedient servant,

ABIEL SILVER,
Chairman of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The report of the Commissioner of the Land Office, and the report of the Board of State Auditors on land claims were referred to the committee on land claims.

The following communication was announced :

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Michigan January 7, 1848. }

HON. ALEXANDER W. BUEL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

SIR—I have the honor herewith to transmit the annual report from this office for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1847.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
D. V. BELL,
Auditor General.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The report of the Auditor General was referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Spencer gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave

to introduce a bill to repeal so much of an act to provide for organizing an active militia, and for other purposes, approved May 18th, 1846, as imposes an annual poll tax of twenty-five cents, being chapter fourteen of said act.

Mr. Campbell gave notice that on some future day he should ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate a company for the construction of a plank road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, through Bellevue and Charlotte, in Eaton county, to Michigan, in the county of Ingham.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that whenever a stay of execution is entered on the rendition of any judgment in any court of this state, the judgment shall not be liable to be sued during the period for which stay is issued; and also providing that whenever any judgment is removed by writ of error, or otherwise to the supreme court, no action shall be brought or maintained upon such judgment until the final determination of said supreme court shall have been had upon the case so removed as aforesaid, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Emmons introduced a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to employ a Private Secretary, which was read, and under the rule, lays over for one day.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The motion to reconsider the vote by which was adopted the joint resolution relative to postage, was taken from the table, and the question being on reconsidering, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Eldredge,
Hazen,
Lane,

Mr. Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Morris,
Mulhollen,
Palmer,
Patchen,

Mr. Russell,
Spencer,
Taylor,
Terry,
Warren,
Worden,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,

Mr. Ferris,
Frazer,
Harris,

Mr. Mowry,
Noyes,
Patterson,

Bingham,	Hazard,	Powell,
Brown,	Howard,	Quackenboss,
Carver,	King,	Smith,
Clark,	Kingsley,	St. John,
Crouse,	Mack,	H. Stone,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,
Dimond,	Mathews,	Williams,
Emmons,	McKinney,	Young,
Enos,		

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Mr. Lothrop gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for organizing an active militia, and for other purposes, approved May 18, 1846, in relation to the assessment of an annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state.

Mr. Pierce gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to define a homestead, and to exempt the same from sale on execution.

Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That three thousand extra copies of the annual report of the Auditor General, be printed for the use of this House.

Mr. Lawrence moved to amend the resolution by striking out "thousand" and inserting "hundred."

Mr. Terry moved to amend the amendment by striking out "three" and inserting "two."

A division of the question having been called for, it was first taken on striking out "thousand" and carried.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The last vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Eldredge moved to lay the resolution and amendment on the table, which motion was lost, and the question recurring on striking out "thousand," it was stricken out.

The question then being on inserting "hundred," it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The word "three" was stricken out, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The blank was then filled by inserting "two thousand."

Mr. Lothrop moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion did not prevail, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. McKinney, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce the following bills :

A bill to amend section fifty-five of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes ;

A bill to amend section six of chapter twenty-five, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes ; and

A bill to amend chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes ;

Which bills were severally read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burnett gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the settlement of damages occasioned by the erection of mill dams.

Mr. Mack, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to repeal certain sections of the revised statutes, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate a company to construct a plank road from Homer, in the county of Calhoun, by way of Albion, to the capitol of the state of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Hazard,

Resolved, That the committee on internal improvement be instructed to inquire into and ascertain whether an appropriation of five thousand dollars on the Grand River road, agreeably to a law approved April 3, 1842, has been expended on said road, or what disposition has been made of the same, and report to this House.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the committee on banks and incorporations be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting by law some general provisions relating specially to all acts incorporating plank road companies hereafter enacted, or such as have heretofore been enacted, and which have taken no action under such acts of incorporation, and report by bill or otherwise.

The bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Patchen,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Powell,
Barlow,	Hazen,	Russell,
Bingham,	Howard,	Smith,
Brown,	Kingsley,	Spencer,
Burnett,	Lane,	St. John,
Campbell,	Lawrence,	H. Stone.
Carver,	Lothrop,	H. H. Stone,
Clark,	Mack,	Strong,
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Taylor,
Denton,	Mathews,	Terry,
Dimond,	Morris,	Turner,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Warren,
Emmons,	Mulhollen,	Williams,
Enos,	Noyes,	Worden,
Ferrie,	Palmer,	Speaker,
Frazer,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Blades,	Mr. M. B. Martin,	Mr. Pierce,
Dennis,	McKinney,	Quackenboss,
King,	Patterson,	Young,

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Mr. Smith moved that the House adjourn, which motion did not prevail.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Lothrop in the chair.

And after a short time the committee rose, and by their chairman reported that they had had under consideration a bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the legislature, and for other purposes, to which they had made sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The amendments were concurred in, in gross.

Mr. Emmons moved to amend the sixth line of section two, by inserting "and fifty cents," after the word "dollars," which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Eldredge moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in the amendments made in committee of the whole; pending which,

Mr. Lothrop moved an adjournment, but the House refused to adjourn.

Mr. Eldredge moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table

which motion was lost ; and the question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was decided in the negative.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Patterson,
Baldwin,	Harris,	Pierce,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Powell,
Bingham,	Howard,	Quackenboss,
Blades,	King,	Russell,
Brown,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	St. John,
Carver,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Dennis,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,
Denton,	McKinney,	Taylor,
Dimond,	Morris,	Turner,
Emmons,	Mowry,	Worden,
Enos,	Mulhollen,	Young,
Ferris,	Palmer,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Lane,	Mr. Patchen,
Burnett,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Clark,	Mack,	Terry,
Eldredge,	Mathews,	Williams,
Hazen,	Noyes,	

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On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The rules were suspended, to enable the bill to receive its third reading to-day, and the engrossing having been dispensed with, the bill was read the third time, and passed by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Palmer,
Baldwin,	Harris,	Patterson,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Pierce,
Bingham,	Howard,	Powell,
Blades,	King,	Quackenboss,
Brown,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Smith,
Carver,	Lothrop,	St. John,
Crouse,	Mack,	H. Stone,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,
Dimond,	McKinney,	Taylor,
Emmons,	Morris,	Turner,
Enos,	Mowry,	Worden,
Ferris,	Mulhollen,	Young,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Burnett,
Clark,
Eldredge,
Hazen,

Mr. Lane,
Lawrence,
Mathews,
Noyes,
Patchen,

Mr. Spencer,
Terry,
Warren,
Williams,

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On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The use of the Hall of the House of Representatives was tendered to the agent of the American Colonization Society, for the purpose of lecturing this evening.

Mr. Warren moved an adjournment, which motion was lost, and

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House adjourned, to meet on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Monday, January 10, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Scott and Mathews were absent on leave.

Mr. Enos announced that Hon. Andrew Murray, member elect from the county of Berrien, was present, and Mr. Murray thereupon appeared, subscribed the constitutional oath, and took his seat.

The journal of Friday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

The Speaker presented the memorial of the National Medical Convention held in Philadelphia, in May, 1847, relative to a registration of births, marriages and deaths. Referred to the committee on state affairs.

Also the petition of Joel Rathbone, and others, for the passage of a law authorizing the conveyance of certain lands therein described. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Also sundry claims of G. F. Rood & Co. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Hazard, of the officers of school district number five in the township of Brighton, Livingston county, for the passage of a law legalizing the assessment and collection of certain taxes in said district. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Dimond, of the township board of the township of Port Huron, for the passage of a law legalizing the assessment of certain taxes in said township for the year 1847, and to extend the time for the collection thereof. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Harris, of John A. Brooks and one hundred and fourteen others, for an appropriation of state lands for building a bridge across the Muskegon river, and for other purposes. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

REPORTS.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill concerning the assessment, collection and returns of the state tax for the year 1847, and for other purposes, which was read twice and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported the following joint resolutions, which were severally read twice, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order, viz :

A joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of James Watkins ;

A joint resolution relative to the claim of W. W. Lawrence ; and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Myron Collamer.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back without action, the petition of Theodore Romeyn, for compensation for services rendered, and money paid, to induce the immigration of Hollanders to this state, and recommended that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers ; which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the select committee on the subject of the Chippewa contested election, submitted a report, which he read, and which was accepted and the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The report was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the Adjutant General :

ADJUTANT AND Q. M. GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
January 10, 1848. }

HON. ALEXANDER W. BUEL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

SIR—I have the honor herewith to transmit my annual report of the Adjutant and Quarter Master General's Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. E. SCHWARZ,

Adjutant and Quarter Master General, M. M.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The annual report of the Adjutant and Quarter Master General was referred to the committee on the militia.

The following communication was announced :

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 10, 1848. }

HON. ALEXANDER W. BUEL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

SIR :—Herewith is transmitted the annual report of the Board of Trustees of state assets, for the year 1847.

I am, sir, most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

D. V. BELL,
Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The annual report of the Board of Trustees of state assets was referred to the committee on ways and means.

The Speaker announced the following communication :

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, }
Monroe, January 7th, 1847. }

HON. ALEXANDER W. BUEL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

SIR :—I have the honor to herewith transmit the annual report from this department, with a compilation from the reports for the years 1845 and 1846 : Also, the primary school law, with notes and forms for conducting proceedings under the same.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

IRA MAYHEW.
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

The annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, together with the accompanying documents, was referred to the committee on education.

The following messages were received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, January 7, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit herewith a bill to

change the name of the town of Michigan, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, January 10, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit a bill to change the name of the township of Pewonagawink, in the county of Genesee, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, and the bill to change the name of the township of Pewonagawink, in the county of Genesee, were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Emmons gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section one of chapter one hundred and fifty-three of the revised statutes.

Mr. Campbell gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes ;

A bill to amend chapter one hundred and two of the revised statutes ;
and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act for revising and consolidating the general statutes of the state of Michigan, approved March 17, 1847.

Mr. Emmons offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Speaker be and hereby is authorized to purchase a Bible for the use of this House.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The resolution was amended by striking out the word "Speaker," and inserting "committee on supplies and expenditures."

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

The Speaker announced the following communication :

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 10, 1848. }

Hon. A. W. BUEL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

I transmit herewith the annual report of the Board of Internal Improvement for the fiscal year 1847, to which is annexed the report of the Auditor General and Secretary of State, concerning the repairs of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal.

Yours, very respectfully,

GEO. B. COOPER,

Chairman of Board of Int. Imp.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The report of the Board of Internal Improvement was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Eldredge gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to postage on newspapers.

On motion of Mr. Morris,

Resolved, That the committee on federal relations be instructed to inquire into the expediency of instructing our members in Congress to use their endeavors to have the postage law so altered that all papers and documents printed by order of either House of our state legislature, or that of any state or territory, may be sent by any of the members thereof, at the lowest rate of postage, and that the same be so sent without the postage being pre-paid thereon, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Baldwin gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company.

On motion of Mr. Young,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of providing by law for capital punishment, and to report at their earliest convenience by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Enos gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren and Berrien, approved March 17, 1847.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Resolved, That the committee on education be instructed to inquire into the propriety of repealing the law for the election of school inspectors in the different townships, and institute county and township superintendents in lieu thereof, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing sections eleven, twelve and all of section ten after the word "attachment" in the third line in said section, of chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes, and substituting a section providing that a party recovering a judgment shall recover his costs, and report by bill or otherwise.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. H. Stone in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill concerning the assessment, collection and returns of the state tax for the year 1847, and for other purposes ;

A joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of James Watkins ;

A joint resolution relative to the claim of W. W. Lawrence ; and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Myron Collamer ; and

The committee were discharged from the further consideration of the bill and joint resolutions.

The House then took up for consideration the bill concerning the assessment, collection and returns of the state tax for the year 1847, and for other purposes, when

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the fifth section by striking out of the ninth line the word "full," and inserting "the same," and by inserting after the word "law" in the tenth line, "as though the levying of the same had previously been authorized by law," which motion prevailed, and

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The twenty-first rule was suspended so as to enable the bill to be read the third time to day, and the engrossment having been dispensed with, the bill was read the third time and passed.

The joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of James Watkins, being under consideration, it was,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Recommitted to the committee on claims, with instructions to embody it in a bill together with such other similar claims as may come before the legislature.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The joint resolution relative to the claim of W. W. Lawrence, and the joint resolution relative to the claim of Myron Collamer, were referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to embody them in the general appropriation bill.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, January 11, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Barlow, Emmons, Hazen, W. R. Martin, McKinney, Murray, Russell and Strong, were absent without leave.

Mr. Williams asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Hazen for an indefinite period, on account of ill health.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Mr. Clark presented the memorial of Lieut. Col. A. S. Williams, commanding the second battalion of the first regiment of Michigan Volunteers, and fifteen other commissioned officers of the same, now stationed at the Detroit barracks, asking a further appropriation of funds for the completion and filling up of said regiment. Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Taylor, the petition of William S. Gunn and forty-eight others, asking that town six north, of range ten west, be set off from the township of Ada, in the county of Kent, and organized into a separate township;

Also, of O. B. Galusha and thirty-two others, asking that town five north, of range eleven west, be set off from the township of Paris, in the county of Kent, and organized into a separate township; and

Also, of William H Withey and forty others, asking that a portion of the township of Plainfield, in the county of Kent, be attached to the township of Alpine. Which petitions were referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

By Mr. Lothrop, the claim of Richard Hudson, for property lost on the Central rail road. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Scott, of citizens of Dewitt, Clinton county, for an amendment of the act entitled an act to improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, together with the affidavit of Morris S. Allen, superintendent on said road. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships, reported back the bill to change the name of the township of Pewonagawink, in the county of Genesee, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Lane, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, the Senate bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, and reported adverse to its passage.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to authorize Joel Rathbone to sell certain lands; and

A bill to legalize the tax roll for the township of Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, for the year 1847, and to extend the time for the collection of taxes;

Which bills were severally read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back the petition of officers of school district number five, in the township of Brighton, in Livingston county, for the passage of a law legalizing the assessment and collection of certain taxes in said district, and reported adverse to any legislative action thereon.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Pierce offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The state is the trustee of the school fund, and hence bound, like all other trustees, to do whatever shall be deemed essential to the fund committed to its care ;

And whereas, The capitol of the state is located upon a part of a section belonging to the school fund, thereby greatly enhancing its value, as well as the value of the balance of the section of which it is a part ;

And whereas, Further improvements on that part of the section aforesaid would still further increase its value by rendering the lots laid out thereon more saleable ;

And whereas, It is due alike to the state and to the school fund, that such improvements should be made, and the state not being required in its capacity of trustee to make such improvements by appropriations from the general fund, and as such improvements are essential to the building up of a town, and the ready sale of the lots located on the section aforesaid ; therefore

Resolved, That it is in perfect accordance with the duty of the state, as trustee of the school fund, and also in accordance with the best interest of said fund to appropriate so much from the proceeds of the sale of lots as shall be deemed sufficient to render the balance more valuable than the whole would otherwise be.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The preamble and resolution were laid on the table.

Mr. Young moved to reconsider the vote laying the preamble and resolution on the table, which motion was,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Eldredge, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce joint resolutions relative to postage on newspapers, which were read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Noyes gave notice that on some future day he should ask leave to introduce a bill relative to the costs of prosecution in criminal cases.

Mr. Young, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The following entitled bills were taken from the table and referred to the committee on the judiciary, viz :

A bill to amend section fifty-five of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes ;

A bill to amend section six of chapter twenty-five, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes ;

A bill to amend chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes ; and

A bill to repeal certain sections of the revised statutes.

Mr. Turner gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section one hundred and sixty of chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes ; and

A bill to amend section six of chapter eighty-four of the revised statutes.

Mr. Bingham gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute.

The following communication was announced from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, January 11, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to return the bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the legislature, and for other purposes, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

And the bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the legislature, and for other purposes, was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Terry offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That four hundred copies of the daily journals of this House be printed for the use of the members thereof.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The resolution was amended by striking out "four" and inserting "two," and

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

Resolved, That the board of internal improvement be required to report to this House a list of the tools, instruments and other property, if any, yet belonging to the state, which have been used in the construction of the Central and Southern rail roads; and also, to state what portion of said property, if any, is now required for the use of the state.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Pierce in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to authorize Joel Rathbone to sell certain lands; and

A bill to legalize the tax roll for the township of Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, for the year 1847.

And also reported back with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to change the name of the township of Pewonagawink, in the county of Genesee; and

A bill to change the name of the town of Michigan.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The amendments to the bill to change the name of the township of Pewonagawink, in the county of Genesee, and to the bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, were severally concurred in, and the bills ordered to be read the third time.

The House bill to authorize Joel Rathbone to sell certain lands, being under consideration,

Mr. Baldwin moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, which motion was lost, and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill to legalize the tax roll for the township of Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, for the year 1847, was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, January 12, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

The roll was called, and Mr. Hazen was absent on leave, and Messrs. Emmons and Strong were absent without leave.

Mr. Littlejohn asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Strong for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Campbell presented the petition of Sands McCamly, and one hundred and sixty-five others, in relation to a certain state road from Battle Creek to Michigan. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of citizens of Clinton county, for the passage of a law authorizing Robert Palmer and Morris S. Allen to build a dam across Grand River. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

REPORTS.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to defray the expenses of enlisting, mustering and subsisting the volunteer regiment called from this state to serve in the existing war with the Mexican Republic ;

Which bill was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the legislature, and for other purposes, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to legalize the tax roll for the township of Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair for the year 1847, and to extend the time for the collection of taxes ; and

A bill to authorize Joel Rathbone to sell certain lands.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain lands, and for other purposes, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Eldredge, from the same committee, reported a bill to convey to the state of Michigan a certain piece of land in the town of Michigan, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eldredge, from the same committee, reported a bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to make certain improvements in the town of Michigan, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eldredge, from the same committee, reported a bill directing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to offer certain lots in the town of Michigan for sale, and for other purposes, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Mowry,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the claim of Richard Hudson, for property lost on the Central rail road, and reported adverse to any legislative action thereon, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and leave was granted to Mr. Hudson to withdraw his papers from the files of the House.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back the claims of G. F. Rood & Co., recommending their allowance, and that they be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to embody them in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the claims referred to the committee on ways and means, with the instructions.

The following messages were received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 11, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

Transmitted herewith, for the use of both Houses, in compliance

with a request contained therein, are certain resolutions adopted by the National Medical Convention, held at Philadelphia, in the month of May last, together with the memorial of that convention referred to in the several resolutions now transmitted.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM,

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 11, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith, for the use of both Houses, a report and several resolutions of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in pursuance of a request in one of said resolutions contained.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The memorial of the National Medical Convention was referred to the committee on state affairs.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The report and resolutions of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, were referred to the committee on federal relations.

The Speaker announced the following communication, which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Laid on the table :

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 12, 1848. }

Hon. ALEX. W. BUEL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

In answer to the call made by a resolution of the House of Representatives, upon the board of internal improvement, "for a list of tools, instruments and other property, if any, yet belonging to the state, which have been used in the construction of the Central and Southern rail roads," I would respectfully state that, (with the exception of furniture belonging to the office of the board,) all property appertaining or belonging to the Michigan Central and Southern rail roads, was delivered to the companies incorporated for their purchase, under the 2d sections of acts No. 42 and 113, of 1846, of their incorporation. An inventory of the property on the Southern rail road,

and its valuation, is attached to the annual report of the board for 1847.

Yours, very respectfully,

GEO. B. COOPER,

Ch'n Board of Int. Imp't.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,

Michigan, January 11, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to return a bill concerning the assessment, collection and returns of the state tax for the year 1847 and for other purposes, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein ; also,

Joint resolution relative to postage, which the Senate have adopted, with amendments, in which said amendments the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am further instructed to transmit a joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of H. B. Lathrop, and

Joint resolution relative to the printing of the journals, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill concerning the assessment, collection and returns of the state tax for the year 1847 and for other purposes, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the settlement of the claim of Henry B. Lathrop, was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the printing of the journals, was read twice and referred to the committee on printing.

The Senate amendments to the House joint resolution relative to postage, were severally concurred in, and the joint resolution was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Resolved, That the report of the select committee on the contested seat for Chippewa county, be made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Mowry offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the state government, as the depository of the primary school fund, is under the highest obligation to watch over and to consider it a most sacred trust ; that law, equity, and the rights of the rising generation, require that it be kept inviolate ; that the legislature have no power or right to appropriate any part of the principal or interest of said fund for any other purpose than that designated by the general government.

Mr. H. Stone moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The resolution was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Terry gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill so amending so much of chapter twelve of the revised statutes, that the Attorney General shall not constitute a member of the Board of State Auditors, and that it shall be his duty to attend on behalf of the state, all meetings of said board.

Mr. Denton gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Macomb county mutual insurance company.

Mr. Warren offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives be requested to invite the Rev. F. Millerd to officiate as Chaplain of the House during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to inquire into and report to this House what number of the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction has been printed and charged to the state, and what disposition has been made of the same.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Resolved, That the claimants, Andrew Harvie and Henry M. Dodge, severally asserting a right to a seat in this House, be permitted to ap-

pear before the House, personally and by counsel, for the purpose of maintaining by argument, their respective claims to said seat as the member from Chippewa county.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Resolved, That the committee on internal improvement inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the sale of the unappropriated lands granted to the state by Congress for internal improvement purposes, and of applying the proceeds thereof in payment of interest on the internal improvement debt, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House be authorized to employ a suitable person to act as assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and assistant Enrolling Clerk of the House, when such services may be required.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The resolution was amended by striking out the words "assistant Sergeant-at-Arms," and

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the further consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Noyes, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill relative to the costs of prosecution in criminal cases; Which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Baldwin gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section twenty-six of chapter one hundred and sixty-three of the revised statutes ;

A bill to amend section one hundred and sixty of chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes ; and

A bill to amend section forty-nine of chapter one hundred and fifty-four of the revised statutes.

Mr. Enos, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren and Berrien, approved March 17, 1847 ;

Which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Young gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to change the name of the township of Wayne in the county of Wayne.

Mr. McKinney gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That at the hour of eleven o'clock to-morrow, the House will take up the consideration of the special order of the day.

Mr. Lawrence gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to repeal the revised statutes of 1846, and reinstate the former territorial laws, as far as they may now be applicable.

The bill to authorize Joel Rathbone to sell certain lands, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, it was

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Recommitted to the committee on the judiciary, with instructions to add the following proviso to section one :

Provided, That the said guardian shall first obtain the approval of the judge of probate of the county or counties wherein said real estate is situated, as to the terms of sale and the form of conveyance, which said approval shall be endorsed upon the said deeds of conveyance, and signed by the judge of probate of the proper county.

The bill to legalize the tax roll for the township of Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, for the year 1847, and to extend the time for the collection of taxes, was read the third time and passed, and the question being on the title, it was,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Amended so as to read a bill to provide for the collection of taxes in the township of Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair for the year 1847, and to extend the time for the collection thereof.

The Senate bill to change the name of the town of Michigan ; and

The Senate bill to change the name of the township of Pewonagawink, in the county of Genesee, were severally read the third time and passed.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Kingsley in the chair.

And after a short time spent thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration,

A bill to provide for defraying the expenses of enlisting, mustering and subsisting the volunteer regiment called from this state to serve in the existing war with the Mexican Republic ;

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The rules were suspended, to enable the bill to be read the third time to-day, and it was then read the third time and passed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill concerning the assessment, collection and returns of the state tax for the year 1847, and for other purposes, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Lothrop, by unanimous consent, offered the following concurrent resolution, which, under the rule, lies on the table one day :

Resolved, the Senate concurring, That the legislature will adjourn *sine die*, on the next day after the passage of an act entitled an act to repeal the revised statutes of 1846, and to restore the old territorial laws.

On motion of Mr. Denton,
The House adjourned.

Thursday, January 13, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Hazen and Strong were absent on leave, and Mr. Barlow was absent without leave.

Mr. W. R. Martin asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Barlow for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Speaker announced as the select committee to inquire relative to the printing of the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Messrs. Lothrop, Harris and Denton.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of Warren Streeter and two hundred and fifteen others, for an appropriation of state lands to aid in the

construction of a certain road in the county of Ottawa. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Noyes presented the petition of Livonia monthly meeting of the society of friends, for a repeal of so much of the militia law of 1846 as imposes a direct tax of twenty-five cents on every citizen. Referred to the committee on the militia.

Mr. Eldredge presented the petition of one hundred and five inhabitants of the town of Berlin, in the county of St. Clair, for the organization of a new county. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Voorhies, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren and Berrien, approved March 17, 1847.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the bill, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Denton, from the committee on printing, reported back the Senate joint resolution relative to the printing of the journals, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the joint resolution relative to postage, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of Henry B. Lathrop.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the joint resolution was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmens,

The rule was suspended, so as to enable the joint resolution to be put on its passage out of the regular order, and it was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House, the bill to authorize Joel Rathbone to convey certain lands; and

The question being on its passage, it was passed.

The following messages were received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, January 12, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the legislature, and for other purposes.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.
EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, January 13th, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act concerning the assessment, collection and return of the state-tax for the year 1847, and for other purposes.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a committee of two to wait on the Senate, and invite them to take seats in this House during the arguments of counsel upon the contested seat between Henry M. Dodge and Andrew Harvie, and that the committee inform the Senate at what hour the House will be ready to receive them.

The Speaker appointed as such committee Messrs. Emmons and Terry, who, after a short absence, returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Resolved, That the committee on public lands be and they are hereby instructed to take into consideration the expediency of charging the money used by order of the commissioner of public lands, to lay out the town of Michigan, and to open the streets thereof, (as per report of said officer,) to the state building fund, and credit the same to the primary school interest fund, from where it was taken, and that said committee report to this House by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Resolved, That the committee on education be instructed to inquire into, and report to this House, the propriety of establishing by law a separate department in the university of this state, for the education of teachers, both male and female, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise. ✓

Mr. Spencer offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to transmit to this House a report of the disbursements made under the appropriation of the legislature of 1847, by virtue of a joint resolution entitled joint resolutions on the existing war with Mexico, approved February 18, 1847.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of restoring the garnishee law, as incorporated in the session laws of 1841, with such amendments as they may think the public good requires.

Mr. Taylor gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize the highway commissioners of the township of Plainfield, in the county of Kent, to build a bridge across Grand River, above and near the mouth of Rouge river, in said township.

The following message was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, January 13, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

A joint resolution relative to postage.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

Mr. Mowry gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company, approved May 15, 1846.

Mr. Crouse, by unanimous consent, previous notice not having been given, asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to the construction of the Clinton and Malamazoo canal, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, January 13, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate respectfully to inform the House that the Senate have accepted the invitation tendered them on the part of the House, to take seats in the Hall of the House of Representatives to listen to the argument of counsel in the case of the contested election in the county of Chippewa.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The House then took up for consideration the special order of the day, being the report of the select committee on the contested seat from Chippewa county.

Henry M. Dodge, a claimant for the seat, with Hon. G. W. Peck, his counsel, and Andrew Harvie, a claimant, with Hon. D. Goodwin, his counsel, severally appeared and took seats assigned them within the bar of the House.

Mr. Lothrop sent up to the Chair the three following resolutions :

1st. *Resolved*, That Henry M. Dodge has been duly elected, and is entitled to a seat in this House as a Representative from the county of Chippewa.

2d. *Resolved*, That Andrew Harvie has been duly elected and is entitled to a seat in this House as a Representative from the county of Chippewa.

3d. *Resolved*, That the seat of Representative from the county of Chippewa is hereby declared vacant, and that the Clerk of this House be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of of this state.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Resolved, That in the argument to be made upon the subject of the contested seat from Chippewa county, the respective claimants and their counsel shall be heard in the following order : upon the first resolution, the claimant Dodge and his counsel, shall have the opening

and closing argument, and upon the second resolution, the claimant Harvie, and his counsel, shall have the opening and closing argument.

Mr. Peck thereupon rose and opened his argument in favor of the claimant Henry M. Dodge.

After he had concluded his remarks,

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The House adjourned.

Friday, January 14, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Barlow and Strong were absent on leave.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

The Speaker presented the petition of the township board of Greenfield township, in Wayne county, representing the sudden death of the collector of taxes of said town, and praying the passage of a law extending the time for collecting the same. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Harris, of Rev. A. C. Van Raalte and one hundred and eighty-three others, for an appropriation of state lands for the construction of a pier at the mouth of Black river, in the county of Ottawa, and for other purposes. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. W. R. Martin, of Benjamin O. Davis and eighty-seven others, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Jackson, via Eaton Rapids, to the capitol; and of Leonard G. Rand, and one hundred and thirty-five others, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Eaton Rapids, in Eaton county, to the capitol of the state, together with a map of the projected route. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Emmons, of H. Burnham and others, relative to certain state lands. Referred to the committee on state affairs.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 14, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed to transmit herewith a joint resolution on the existing war with Mexico, which the Senate have adopted ; and to return a bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, which the Senate have passed with amendment, in which joint resolution and amendment the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am also instructed to inform the House that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to the bill to change the name of the township of Pewonagawink, in the county of Genesee, and have ordered the same to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution on the existing war with Mexico was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Laid on the table.

The bill to change the name of the town of Michigan being before the House, and the question being on concurring in the Senate amendment thereto, which amendment strikes out of the eighth line of said bill the word "Lansing," and inserts "Okeema."

Mr. Emmons moved to amend the amendment by striking out "Okeema," and inserting "Pewonagawink," which motion was lost.

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend by striking out "Okeema" and inserting "Glen," which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend by striking out "Okeema" and inserting "Lewis Cass," which motion was decided in the negative.

Mr. Dennis moved to amend by striking out "Okeema" and inserting "Dallas," which motion was lost.

Mr. Emmons moved to amend by striking out "Okeema" and inserting "N. B. Eldredge," which amendment was rejected ; and

The Senate amendment was non-concurred in by the House.

Mr. Mack offered the following resolution, which was not adopted :

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to in-

quire into the expediency of repealing chapter ninety-four of the revised statutes, and conferring the powers and duties imposed on justices of the peace in said chapter, upon the county courts, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Campbell gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to lay out a certain state road, approved March 17, 1847.

Mr. Brown offered the following resolution, which was,

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Laid on the table, viz :

Resolved, That on Monday next, at two o'clock P. M., this House will proceed to a final vote on the contested seat from the county of Chippewa.

Mr. Bingham, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Young, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to change the name of the township of Wayne, in the county of Wayne, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

The House then took up as unfinished business, the report of the select committee on the contested seat from Chippewa county, and the first of the three resolutions yesterday sent up to the Chair by Mr. Lothrop, being under consideration,

Mr. Goodwin, counsel for the claimant Andrew Harvie, then addressed the House in favor of said claimant, and after the close of his argument,

Mr. Harvie arose, and still further urged his claim to the seat.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, January 15, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

The roll was called, and Mr. Lothrop was absent without leave.

Mr. Terry asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Lothrop for the day on account of sickness.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Littlejohn, of eighteen inhabitants of the township of Wayland, in Allegan county, for the organization of town four north, of range eleven west, into a separate township by the name of Leighton. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

By Mr. Terry, two several petitions of citizens of Macomb county, for the abolition of the county court. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. H. Stone, of the collector of the township of Monroe, and others, for an extension of the time for the collection of taxes in said township. Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Bingham, of Isaac Barber, and twenty-five other citizens of the township of Leoni, praying for the incorporation of the Leoni Theological Institute. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Emmons, of the board of supervisors of the county of Wayne, relative to the jurisdiction of the county court. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Lawrence, of E. C. Seaman and others, for an amendment to the judiciary system. Same reference.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to provide for the payment of the coupons on the full paid five million loan bonds outstanding and falling due in January and July annually, which was read twice, and,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to change the name of the township of Wayne, in the county of Wayne.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following communications were received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, January 15, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return herewith a bill to provide for the collection of taxes in the township of Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, for the year 1847, and to extend the time for the collection thereof, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, January 15, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return herewith a bill to provide for defraying the expenses of enlisting, mustering and subsisting the volunteer regiment called from this state to serve in the existing war with the Mexican Republic, which the Senate have passed with amendments, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am further instructed to transmit a joint resolution relative to a carpet for the state library, which the Senate have adopted, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to provide for the collection of taxes in the township of Port Huron in the county of St. Clair, for the year 1847, and to extend the time for the collection thereof, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution relative to a carpet for the state library, was read twice, when,

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

So much of the rules were suspended as was necessary to enable the resolution to be now taken up and put on its passage.

The joint resolution was then ordered to be read the third time, read the third time and adopted.

The House then took up the bill to provide for defraying the expenses of enlisting, mustering and subsisting the volunteer regiment called from this state to serve in the existing war with the Mexican Republic, and the question being on concurring in the Senate amendments thereto, they were severally concurred in by the House, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled.

The following communications were announced:

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, }
Michigan January 15, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I herewith transmit to the House of Representatives, the last annual report of the inspectors of the state prison.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

G. O. WHITEMORE,

Secretary of State.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 15, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I herewith transmit to the House of Representatives an abstract of reports of fees made to this office, in compliance with the 44th section of chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

G. O. WHITEMORE,

Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The annual report of the inspectors of state prison, was referred to the committee on state prison.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The abstract of reports of fees was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to provide for the collection of taxes in the township of Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, for the year 1847, and

to extend the time for the collection thereof, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Taylor gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be required to examine into the propriety of allowing judgments to be revived in the courts of law of this state, on oath of the plaintiff, his agent or attorney, after the term of two years.

Mr. Campbell, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to lay out a certain state road, approved March 17, 1847, which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The twenty-first rule was suspended, and the engrossment having been dispensed with, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. McKinney gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to furnishing certain township officers with copies of the laws.

Mr. Baldwin, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend the revised statutes, which was read twice, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Patchen,

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to inquire into the propriety of dispensing with the recording of the journal in writing, by depositing the printed volume in the office of the Secretary, thus restoring the law of 1844 on this subject.

Mr. Turner, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend section one hundred and sixty, chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes; and

A bill to amend section six of chapter eighty-four of the revised statutes, which bills were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to provide for defraying the expenses of enlisting,

mustering and subsisting the volunteer regiment called from this state to serve in the existing war with the Mexican Republic, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The House then took up the unfinished business, being the report of the select committee on the subject of the contested seat from Chippewa county, and the first of the three resolutions sent up on Thursday, by Mr. Lothrop, being before the House,

Mr. Peck, counsel for the claimant Henry M. Dodge, closed his argument on the first resolution.

Mr. Emmons moved to amend the first resolution by striking out therefrom the words "Henry M. Dodge," and inserting "Andrew Harvie," pending which,

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The resolution and amendment were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The House adjourned.

Monday, January 17, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, the members were all present.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Morris, of the supervisors of the county of St. Joseph, for an enlargement of the powers and duties of county courts. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Frazer, of B. Garland and twenty-three others, asking that towns ten and eleven north, of range six east, also towns ten and eleven north, of range five east, be organized into a separate township. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

By Mr. Barlow, certain papers in relation to a state road through the township of Thornapple. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Howard, of Nancy Ladd and Benjamin Shotwell, relative to a sale of real estate. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Burnett, of Caroline Worthington, for relief, on account of the depreciation of state warrants received from the state. Referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, a bill relative to the costs of prosecutions in certain cases..

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following messages were received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 15, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to provide for the collection of taxes in the township of Por Huron, in the county of St. Clair, for the year 1847, and to extend the time for the collection thereof.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 15, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to provide for defraying the expenses of enlisting, transporting and subsisting the volunteer regiment called from this state to serve in the existing war with the Mexican Republic.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, January 17, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to amend section forty-four, of chapter twelve, title three of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an

act to establish and improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 12, 1845 ;

A bill relative to pending proceedings for the partition of real estate ;

A bill to provide for the payment of interest on the liquidated portion of the five million loan, which the Senate have passed ; and

Joint resolution relative to the permanent enrollment of the first regiment of Michigan volunteers into the service of the United States, under any act of Congress now in force, and which may become a law during the present session of Congress, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am further instructed to return a bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate insist on their amendment thereto.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to amend section forty-four of chapter twelve, title three of the revised statutes of 1846 ; and

The Senate bill relative to pending proceedings for the partition of real estate, were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 12, 1845, was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The Senate bill to provide for the payment of interest on the liquidated portion of the five million loan, was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the permanent enrollment of the first regiment of Michigan volunteers into the service of the United States, under any act of Congress now in force, or which may become a law during the present session of Congress, was read twice and referred to the committee on the militia.

The bill to change the name of the town of Michigan being before the House,

On motion of Mr. Terry,

It was ordered that a committee of conference be appointed on the part of the House, on the disagreement between the two Houses on said bill, and the appointment of a like committee asked on the part of the Senate.

The Speaker appointed as such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Terry, Young and M. B. Martin.

Mr. McKinney, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to furnishing certain town-ship officers with copies of laws, which was read twice and referred to the committee on state affairs.

On motion of Mr. Clark,

Resolved, That the bill to provide for the payment of the coupons on the full paid five million loan bonds outstanding and falling due in January and July annually, be taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to bring in a bill to fund and provide for interest on the internal improvement warrants.

Mr. Taylor, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids, which was read twice and referred to the committee on public lands.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of amending section fifteen of chapter twenty of the revised statutes, by striking out the word "personal" in the seventh line of said section; also, of amending section one of act number one hundred and four of the session laws of 1847, by adding thereto the following: "Or the draining of which shall, by the judgment and report of the commissioners whose appointment is herein provided for, be deemed necessary for the public interest, convenience and advantage," or a clause to that effect; and to add to section twelve the words "and that the commissioners appointed under the provisions of this act shall hold their office for the term of two years;" also, to provide for taking depositions out of this state, to be used before justices of the peace, by amending section eighteen of chapter one hundred and two.

Mr. Lothrop sent up to the chair the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies on the table one day, viz :

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Senate and House of Representatives will meet in joint convention in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Saturday, the twenty-second instant, at twelve o'clock, M., for the purpose of electing a State Treasurer for the constitutional term, in place of George B. Cooper, the present incumbent.

Mr. Morris gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill limiting the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil cases.

Mr. Patterson gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill amending the existing law relative to the exemption of personal property from taxation.

The House then took up as unfinished business, the report of the select committee on the contested seat from Chippewa county, and the question being upon the second resolution sent up by Mr. Lothrop on Thursday,

The same was argued by Mr. Harvie in his own behalf, and by Mr. Peck, on the part of Mr. Dodge, when

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The resolution under consideration was laid on the table.

The question then being on the third resolution sent up by Mr. Lothrop ; after some discussion,

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, January 16, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

The roll was called, and the members were all present.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Denton, of James J. Hoag and one hundred and thirty-one others, for the passage of a law levying a tax for the construction of a wagon road from the capitol to Grandville, in the county of Kent, on

the line of the Grand River road. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Taylor, of Philander Tracy and others, citizens of Grand Rapids, for the discontinuance of a portion of a certain state road in said township. Same reference.

Also, of H. S. Jackson, and forty-eight others, asking that town six north, of range twelve west be set off from the township of Byron, in the county of Kent, and organized into a separate township. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

By Mr. Hazard, of Ira P. Bingham and one hundred and two others, for the incorporation of a company for the construction of a plank road on the line of the Detroit and Grand River road. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Frazer, of H. S. Beach and one hundred others, for the passage of a law laying out a state road from Michigan to Saginaw ; and of John Voras and forty-eight others, for the same, Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject :

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the petitions of David Paddock and Solomon Close, praying for the setting off of certain lands from the corporate limits of the village of Pontiac, have had the same under consideration, and report that the act of 1839 provided for such cases, and that no further legislation is required on the subject, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported a bill to authorize William H. Brown to build a dam across the Thornapple river in the county of Barry;

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

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The resolution under consideration was laid on the table.

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The House adjourned.

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Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

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Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill and amendment referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to extend the time for the collection and return of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the township of Monroe ;

Which bill was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject :

The committee on ways and means, to whom was referred the Senate bill to provide for the payment of interest on the liquidated portion of the five million loan, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me, as their chairman, to report the same back with an amendment substituting the House bill, with certain amendments, upon the same subject, reported by the committee on ways and means in lieu thereof.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The Senate bill to provide for the payment of interest on the liquidated portion of the five million loan, together with the substitute therefor, was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported back without amendment, the bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand river at Grand Rapids ;

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lothrop, from a select committee, submitted the following report, accompanied by resolutions, which report was accepted, and the committee discharged :

The select committee, to whom was referred a resolution of this House instructing them to inquire into and report to this House what number of the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction has been printed and charged to the state, and what disposition has been

made of the same, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report the following state of facts :

1st. There has been printed by the state printer, five thousand copies of said report :

2d. Of the five thousand copies printed, the Superintendent of Public Instruction has received four thousand eight hundred :

3d. Two hundred copies of said report have been distributed among the members of the legislature, one hundred copies in the Senate, and one hundred copies in the House of Representatives :

4th. The distribution in the House of Representatives only extended to a part of its members.

By a joint resolution approved March 4, 1847, the Superintendent of Public Instruction was authorized to receive and distribute according to the terms of said resolution, four thousand five hundred copies of said report.

By the existing provisions of law, (R. S. page 60,) it is required that one thousand copies of the said report shall be printed and furnished for the use of the members of the legislature—four hundred for the Senate, and six hundred for the House of Representatives.

The foregoing, in the opinion of your committee, are all the facts embraced in the scope of the resolution under consideration.

In the opinion of your committee, the Superintendent of Public Instruction has received a larger number of said reports than can be properly disposed of by him, and by placing at the disposal of the legislature at least three hundred copies, the public interest would be greatly subverted.

Your committee cannot close this report without the expression of the opinion, that the reports from the several departments of the state government, required to be published annually for the use of members of the legislature, are very unequally distributed between the two Houses, and often between the members of the same House. The inequality arises in part from defects in the existing laws, and partly from want of responsibility in distribution.

Your committee, in conclusion, would respectfully submit for the consideration of the House the two following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Public Instruction be requested to furnish for the use of the House of Representatives, two

hundred copies of his last annual report; and that the Clerk of this House be directed to furnish said Superintendent with a copy of this resolution.

Resolved, That this committee have leave to prepare and present to this House a joint resolution providing for equal distribution of the reports of the several departments of the state government among the members of each House of the legislature.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The first resolution was amended by striking out the word "two" before "hundred," and inserting "three," and the resolutions as amended were then severally adopted.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 17, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to amend title twenty-one, chapter ninety-four, section eighteen of the revised statutes; and

A bill to increase the number of masters in chancery in the several counties in this state, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to amend title twenty-one, chapter ninety-four, section eighteen of the revised statutes; and

The Senate bill to increase the number of masters in chancery in the several counties in this state, were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The concurrent resolution fixing the time for the election of a State Treasurer, was taken from the table, and the question being on its adoption, it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Resolved, That there be furnished to each member of this House a copy of the session laws of 1846.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending the existing laws relating to the maintenance of the poor as to make each township liable for the expenses of maintaining and supporting its own poor.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the existing provisions of law relative to the assessment and collection of taxes upon lands embraced in "many plats or maps of the several villages in this state," which have been imperfectly executed, illegally recorded, or not recorded at all.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The vote by which the resolution offered by Mr. Baldwin was adopted, was reconsidered, and the question being on its adoption,

Mr. Emmons moved to amend the same so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby requested to furnish to each member of this House a copy of the session laws of 1846.

Which amendment was accepted by the mover of the resolution, and the resolution in its modified form, was then adopted.

The House then took up as unfinished business, the report of the select committee on the contested seat from the county of Chippewa, and the question being on the third resolution sent up to the chair by Mr. Lothrop on Thursday,

Mr. Young moved to lay the same on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Terry moved an adjournment, which motion was lost, and after some discussion,

Mr. Bingham renewed the motion, but the House refused to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The resolution under consideration was laid on the table, and the first resolution, being in the words following, was taken from the table :

Resolved, That Henry M. Dodge has been duly elected, and is entitled to a seat in this House as a Representative from the county of Chippewa.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Greenfield.

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to furnishing certain township officers with copies of the laws.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back the petition of Nancy Ladd, for the passage of a law authorizing the sale of a certain piece of land, reported adverse to the prayer of the petition, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and recommended that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her papers.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and leave was granted to the petitioner to withdraw her papers from the files of the House.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back the resolution instructing said committee to inquire into the expediency of amending the existing laws relative to the maintenance of the poor, reported adverse to any action thereon, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration, the Senate bill to increase the number of masters in chancery in the several counties in this state ; and

The Senate bill relative to pending proceedings for the partition of real estate.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills

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The bill was then ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, January 18, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit for the use of both Houses, sundry resolutions of the general assembly of the state of Tennessee, approving of Mr. Whitney's plan of a rail road to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The resolutions accompanying the foregoing communication, were referred to the committee on federal relations.

The following communications were received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
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I am also instructed to respectfully inform you that Senators Thomson, Robinson and Fitzgerald, have been appointed a committee of conference to act with a like committee appointed by the House on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to change the name of the town of Michigan.

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A bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847 ; and

A bill to incorporate the Detroit merchants exchange company, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Monroe and Frenchtown ;

The Senate bill to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to proceedings to recover possession of lands in certain cases ; and

The Senate bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847 ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Detroit merchants exchange company, was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Young,

Leave was granted to Patrick Kilfoil to withdraw from the files of the House certain papers relative to his claim against the state.

Mr. W. R. Martin sent up to the chair a joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws, which was read, and under the rule, lies on the table at least one day.

Mr. Mulhollen gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes, in relation to highways and bridges.

Mr. W. R. Martin gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill for the appointment of a commissioner to lay out and establish a state road, and for other purposes.

Mr. Russell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this House will now proceed to the election of a Chaplain ;

Which resolution was rejected by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Quackenboss,
Barlow,	King,	Russell,
Bingham,	Lane,	Smith,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Campbell,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Carver,	Mowry,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Mulhollen,	Worden,
Emmons,	Patchen,	Young,
Granger,	Pierce,	Speaker,
Harris,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Patterson,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Powell,
Brown,	Howard,	Scott,
Clark,	Kingsley,	St. John,
Crouse,	Mack,	H. H. Stone,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Strong,
Denton,	Mathews,	Taylor,
Dimond,	McKinney,	Turner,
Dodge,	Morris,	Vickery,
Enos,	Noyes,	Voorheis,
Ferris,	Palmer,	Williams,

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On motion of Mr. Young,

The joint resolution authorizing the Governor to employ a private secretary, was taken from the table.

Mr. Scott moved that the further consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Scott gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section seventy-one of chapter twenty of the revised statutes.

Mr. Terry offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Rev. B. F. Millerd be and he is hereby invited to act as Chaplain of this House during the present session.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin.

The resolution was laid on the table.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Terry in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren and Berrien, approved March 17, 1847 ;

A bill to extend the time for the collection and return of certain taxes for the year 1847 in the township of Monroe ; and

A joint resolution relative to the printing of the journals.

And also reported back with sundry amendments in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 12, 1845 ;

A bill to change the name of the township of Wayne in the county of Wayne ;

A bill relative to the costs of prosecution in criminal cases ;

A bill to authorize William H. Brown to build a dam across the Thornapple river, in the county of Barry ; and

A bill to provide for the payment of interest on the liquidated portion of the five million loan.

On motion of Mr. Voorheis,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, January 20, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Mr. M. B. Martin was absent without leave.

Mr. Lane asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. M. B. Martin for an indefinite time.

Mr. Pierce presented the petition of J. Goucher and others, for a lot of land in the town of Michigan for a site for a school house. Referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Emmons presented the petition of Herbert Adams and others, of Ontonagon, for the organization of that township. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back with amendments, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to incorporate the Detroit merchants' exchange company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill and amendments were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back with amendments, recommended their passage, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration,

The Senate bill to amend section forty-four, chapter twelve, title three of the revised statutes ; and

The Senate bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Monroe and Frenchtown.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills and amendments were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Dodge to fill the vacancy existing in the standing committee on mines and minerals.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 19, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit herewith a bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in cases pending in chancery and the circuit courts, and for other purposes, approved February 27, 1847 ; and

A bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in cases pending in chancery and the circuit courts, and for other purposes, approved February 27, 1847, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, was read twice and referred to the committee on the militia.

Mr. Pierce, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to define a homestead and exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases, which was read twice, when,

Mr. Emmons moved to lay the bill on the table, and order it to be printed.

Mr. Dennis moved to amend the motion by striking out that portion relative to printing, which motion was lost, and

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Emmons, it prevailed.

Mr. Littlejohn gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands, to be used in constructing a wharf and opening certain roads for the benefit of the Holland Colony now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The following resolution was taken from the table.

Resolved, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to transmit to this House a report of the disbursements made under the appropriation of the legislature of 1847, by virtue of a joint resolution, entitled joint resolutions on the existing war with Mexico, approved February 13, 1847.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted.

Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was laid on the table :

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to bring in a bill providing for the pay of Andrew Harvie, the contestant for a seat in this House in the place of Henry M. Dodge, of the usual mileage and per diem allowance from the commencement of the session up to the time of the determination of the question by the House.

Mr. Denton gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge;

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the revised statutes of 1846, as to leave the granting of licenses to the township boards, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Turner gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section four of chapter twenty-five of the statutes, relative to laying out, altering and discontinuing highways.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Resolved, That the committee on the organization of townships and counties be instructed to report a bill providing for the organization of townships, when from irregularity or other cause they have failed to comply with the provisions of the act authorizing the same.

On motion of Mr. Lane,

Resolved, That the committee on public lands be instructed to inquire by what authority the timber has been cut and taken from the unsold portions of the primary school lot in the township of Lansing, and report to this House as early as convenient.

Mr. Scott, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend section seventy-one of chapter twenty of the revised statutes, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The following resolution was taken from the table.

Resolved, That the Rev. B. F. Millerd be and he is hereby invited to act as Chaplain of this House during the present session.

Mr. Mack moved to amend the resolution by adding thereto the following, which motion was lost, viz: "and shall receive such compensation as the members shall contribute for that purpose."

Mr. Morris moved to amend the resolution by striking out "B. F. Millerd" and inserting "B. Hill."

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend the amendment by striking out "B. Hill" and inserting "A. C. Van Raalte," which motion was lost.

And the question recurring on the motion to strike out "B. F. Millerd" and insert "B. Hill," it did not prevail.

Mr. H. Stone offered the following as a substitute for the resolution :

Resolved, That this House will now proceed to the election of a Chaplain to open the daily sessions with prayer.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The substitute was amended by adding thereto, "and the person having the greatest number of votes shall be declared duly elected."

The question then being on the adoption of the substitute, the same was accepted by the mover of the original resolution.

Mr. Mathews moved that the further consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Patchen,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Patterson,
Brown,	Howard,	Powell,
Carver,	Lawrence,	St. John,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	Strong,
Dennis,	Mack,	Taylor,
Denton,	Mathews,	Turner,
Dimond,	McKinney,	Vickery,
Enos,	Morris,	Voorheis,
Ferris,	Murray,	Williams,
Frazer,	Palmer,	Worden,
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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Quackenboss,
Barlow,	Hazen,	Russell,
Bingham,	King,	Smith,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Spencer,
Burnett,	Lane,	H. Stone,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	H. H. Stone,
Clark,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Dodge,	Mowry,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Mulhollen,	Young,
Emmons,	Pierce,	Speaker,
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Mr. Bennett offered the following resolution, which was not adopted :

Resolved, That the daily sessions of this House shall commence at nine o'clock A. M. until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around

the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Young moved that the House adjourn, which motion was decided in the negative.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, the bill to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren and Berrien, approved March 17, 1847, was taken up and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the printing of the journals, was ordered to be read the third time.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill to change the name of the township of Wayne in the county of Wayne, were severally concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The amendment to the bill relative to the costs of prosecutions in criminal cases, striking out all after the enacting clause, was non-concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill to authorize William H. Brown to build a dam across the Thornapple river in the county of Barry, were severally concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill was laid on the table.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 12, 1845, being before the House, it was,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Committed to a select committee of three.

The Speaker appointed as such committee, Messrs. Warren, Scott and Denton. -

The House then took up the bill to extend the time for the collection and return of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the township of Monroe, and

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

It was amended by inserting after "Monroe," wherever it occurs in the bill, the words "and Frenchtown," and the corresponding amendments were ordered to be made.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendment to, being a substitute for the Senate bill to provide for the payment of interest on the liquidated portion of the five million loan, was concurred in, the amendments ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, by unanimous consent, reported a bill to provide for the payment of Andrew Harvie, while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives, which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to inquire by what authority the hall leading to this room is used as a work-shop, and the deliberations of this House are molested by the noise of the workmen.

The Speaker appointed as the select committee under the foregoing resolution, Messrs. Eldredge, Patterson and Powell.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Harris in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Greenfield, in the county of Wayne ;

A bill to increase the number of masters in chancery in the several counties in this state ;

A bill relative to pending proceedings for the partition of real estate ;

A joint resolution relative to furnishing certain township officers with copies of laws ; and

A joint resolution relative to the permanent enrollment of the first regiment of Michigan volunteers into the service of the United States, under any act of Congress now in force, or which may become a law during the present session of Congress.

And also reported back with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to incorporate the Detroit merchants' exchange company.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Friday, January 21, 1849.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Mr. M. B. Martin was absent on leave, and Mr. Burnett was absent without leave.

Mr. Terry asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Burnett for an indefinite time.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Voorheis, two several petitions for the passage of a law authorizing the appointment of a special commissioner on the Grand River and Pontiac road. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Littlejohn, the memorial of the board of supervisors of Allegan county, asking for amendments to the county court system, and the enlargement of its jurisdiction. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Campbell, of Stephen Gilbert, Samuel Sayres and James Halladay, treasurers of the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford, in Calhoun county, and others, for an extension of the time for collecting a certain school district tax in said townships. Referred to the committee on ways and means.

REPORTS.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in cases pending in chancery and the circuit courts, and for other purposes, approved February 27, 1847.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren and Berrien, approved March 17, 1847 ;

A bill to change the name of the township of Wayne, in the county of Wayne ;

A bill to extend the time for the collection and return of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the township of Monroe ; and

The House substitute for the Senate bill to provide for the payment of interest on the liquidated portion of the five million loan.

Mr. Eldredge, from the select committee, submitted the following report, which was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject :

The select committee appointed to inquire by what authority the hall leading to this room is used as a work-shop, and the deliberations of this House are daily molested by the noise of the workmen, have had the same under consideration, and made the necessary inquiries in relation to said subject. The said hall has been used as a mere matter of convenience to the contractor, and without any authority, and that the noise by which the deliberations of this House have been daily molested, was the result of the unauthorized use of said hall.

The contractor informed the committee that the benches should be removed from said hall, and the noise should not again molest this House. Your committee deem no further action necessary, and ask to be discharged.

The following messages were received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, January 20, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to ward elections in the city of Detroit, and for other purposes, approved March 27, 1839.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan January 21, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to amend section thirty-two of chapter ninety-two of the revised statutes of 1846, and

A bill authorizing and empowering the Secretary of State to dispose by sale or exchange, of certain statute books, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return the bill to amend an act entitled an act to lay out a certain state road, approved March 17, 1847, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to lay out a certain state road, approved March 17, 1847, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to amend section thirty-two of chapter ninety-two of the revised statutes of 1846, and

The Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to the ward elections in the city of Detroit, and for other purposes, approved March 27, 1839, were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate bill authorizing and empowering the Secretary of State to dispose by sale or exchange, of certain statute books, was read twice and referred to the committee on the state library.

Mr. Littlejohn pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony, now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan;

Which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Pierce offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all bills and joint resolutions reported to this House by standing or select committees, after their second reading, be laid on the table and printed, unless otherwise ordered, Senate bills excepted ;

and all bills introduced on leave, after their second reading, be referred to their appropriate committees before any action be had thereon.

Mr. Terry moved to amend the resolution by adding thereto the words "unless otherwise ordered," which motion was lost.

And the question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The rules were suspended so as to enable him to introduce a bill, previous notice not having been given ; and he thereupon introduced a bill to amend section eleven of chapter eighty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the attendance of certain officers on the sessions of the supreme court, which was read twice.

Mr. Emmons moved to suspend the rules, so as to now take up the bill for action thereon, which motion was lost.

Mr. Emmons moved to reconsider the vote by which was adopted the resolution relative to the disposition of bills, this morning offered by Mr. Pierce, which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The last mentioned bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution, which was not adopted:

Resolved, That in all bills or resolutions introduced by any member, which are amendatory to any other act or resolution, such amendatory act or resolution shall recite in full the section proposed to be amended.

Mr. Vickery gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to revive in the county of Kalamazoo the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846.

Mr. Mulhollen, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highways and bridges, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Denton, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Resolved, That the committee on printing cause two hundred additional copies of the daily journals of the House to be printed and equally distributed among its officers and members.

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing sections thirty-two and thirty-three of chapter twenty, and of amending section seventy-seven of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of 1846, so as to provide for filing the bond required in said section thirty-two.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter seven of the revised statutes, as to require the boards of county canvassers in the several counties of this state, to cause to be published in at least one newspaper in their respective counties, an official statement of the votes cast at any general election held in said counties.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

The joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws was taken from the table, read the second time and referred to the committee on state affairs.

On motion of Mr. Barlow,

The bill to authorize William H. Brown to build a dam across the Thornapple river, in the county of Barry, was taken from the table, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Amended by striking out all after the words "water craft" in the fourth line of section two.

Mr. Vickery moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment was made, and it having been reconsidered,

The question recurred on the motion to amend, it did not prevail.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. McKinney offered the following resolution, which was not adopted :

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of abolishing the office of township assessor, and creating in lieu thereof the office of one county assessor, and report by bill or otherwise.

The bill to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes for the year 1847, in the township of Monroe, was read the third time and passed.

And the question being on the title, the same was,

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

Amended by adding thereto "and Frenchtown."

The bill to provide for the payment of interest on the liquidated portion of the five million loan ;

The bill to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren and Berrien, approved March 17, 1847 ;

The bill to change the name of the township of Wayne, in the county of Wayne ; and

The joint resolution relative to the printing of the journals ;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The House then took up as unfinished business, the joint resolution relative to the permanent enrollment of the first regiment of Michigan volunteers into the service of the United States, under any act of Congress now in force, or which may become a law during the present session of Congress, and the same was ordered to be read the third time.

The bill to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Greenfield, in the county of Wayne, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The joint resolution relative to furnishing certain township officers with copies of laws, being before the House, it was,

On motion of Mr. McKinney,

Amended by adding thereto the following :

Resolved, That this joint resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The joint resolution was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House took up the bill to increase the number of masters in chancery in the several counties in this state, when

Mr. Emmons moved to amend the fifth line of section one, by striking out "four" and inserting "five," which motion was lost, and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time.

The bill relative to pending proceedings for the partition of real estate, was ordered to be read the third time.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill to incorporate the Detroit merchants' exchange company, were severally concurred in, the amendments ordered to be engrossed and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Emmons moved to suspend the rule, so that the bill might be put upon its passage out of the regular order, which was not agreed to.

The following message was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 21, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the twentieth instant, requesting "a report of the disbursements made under the appropriation of the legislature of 1847, by virtue of a joint resolution entitled joint resolution on the existing war with Mexico, approved February 13, 1847," I herewith transmit a report from the Auditor General, and the document by which it is accompanied.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The communication and accompanying documents were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Dennis in the chair.

And after a short time spent thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to provide for the payment of Andrew Harvie while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives ; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in cases pending in chancery and the circuit courts, and for other purposes, approved February 27, 1847.

And also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to amend section forty-four of chapter twelve of title three of the revised statutes of 1846 ; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, January 22, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Burnett and M. B. Martin were absent on leave, and Mr. Scott was absent without leave.

Mr. Emmons asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Scott for an indefinite time.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Taylor, of John Ball, and ninety-four others, citizens of Kent county, for the continuance of the present county court system, with modifications. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Eldredge, of Chauncey A. Goodrich and sixty-seven others citizens of the township of Bruce, in the county of Macomb, for the organization of a new county. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

By Mr. Patterson, the memorial and petition of the religious society of Friends, asking exemption from military requisitions. Referred to the committee on state affairs.

By the Speaker, a communication from Joseph Gibbons, asking liberty to present a copy of Dymonds' "Essay on War," to each of the members of the legislature, and also a copy to the state library, on behalf of the religious society of Friends, in Michigan. Referred to the committee on state affairs.

By the Speaker, a petition for the establishment of laws in the upper peninsula. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun, which was read twice, and,

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill for the relief of Asa Pratt, which was read twice, and under the standing order, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young, from the committee on the militia, reported back with sundry amendments and recommended its passage, the Senate bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill and amendments referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without action, the petition of Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, and others for an appropriation of lands, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back without action, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on roads and bridges, the petition of citizens of Clinton county, for authority to erect a dam across Grand river.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the petition was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, and recommended their passage, the Senate bill to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to proceedings to recover possession of lands, in certain cases, and the bill to amend section eleven, of chapter eighty.

eight of the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the attendance of certain officers on the sessions of the supreme court.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, the Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to ward elections in the city of Detroit, and for other purposes, approved March 27, 1839.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, submitted the following report, which was accepted and the committee discharged :

The committee on state affairs to whom was referred the communication addressed to the Speaker by the religious society of Friends, relative to a donation to the members of this House, and state library, of a copy of Dymonds' "Essay on War," have instructed me to report the same back to the House, and recommend that this House accept the donation, and that the Speaker direct the messengers to distribute the same.

Mr. Emmons from the committee on state affairs, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to amend an act entitled an act to appoint commissioners to lay out a certain state road, approved March 17, 1847, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, also reported the following as correctly engrossed, viz :

A bill to authorize William H. Brown to build a dam across the Thornapple river, in the county of Barry ;

A bill to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Greenfield, in the county of Wayne ;

The House amendments to the Senate bill to incorporate the Detroit merchant's exchange company; and

A joint resolution relative to furnishing certain township officers with copies of laws.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the state library, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill authorizing and empowering the Secretary of State, to dispose by sale or exchange, of certain statute books.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Warren, from a select committee, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 12, 1846.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill and amendment referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The following bills were taken from the table and referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order, viz :

The bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain lands and for other purposes ;

The bill directing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to offer certain lots for sale in the town of Michigan, and for other purposes ; and

The bill conveying to the state of Michigan a certain piece of land in the town of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Resolved, That the committee on public lands be instructed to inquire by what right or authority the school lands in the town of Michigan are flowed by reason of a dam across the Grand River, in this town, and that said committee report to this House by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Turner, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend section four of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Vickery, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to revive in the county of Kalamazoo, the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846, which was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Hazard gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill for an appropriation of internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Grand River road.

Mr. Dodge gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to proceedings for the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due, and are hereby tendered to the religious society of Friends of this state, for their liberal donation of Dymond's Essay on War.

The bill to incorporate the Detroit merchant's exchange company, was read the third time and passed, two-thirds of all the members voting therefor.

The bill to authorize William H. Brown to build a dam across the Thornapple river, in the county of Barry, was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Campbell,
Carver,
Clark,
Dimond,
Eldredge,
Enos,
Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,
Hazen,

Mr. Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Noyes,
Patchen,
Pierce,
Russell,

Mr. Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone.
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorhies,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker, 45

NAYS.

Mr. Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,

Mr. Emmons,
Ferris,
Lane,
Mack,
McKinney,
Morris,

Mr. Palmer,
Patterson,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Smith,

The question being on the title, the same was,

On motion of Mr. Barlow,

Amended by striking out "Barry" and inserting "Kent."

The bill to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Greenfield, in the county of Wayne;

The bill to increase the number of masters in chancery in the several counties in this state;

The bill relative to pending proceedings for the partition of real estate;

The joint resolution relative to furnishing certain township officers with copies of the laws; and

The joint resolutions relative to the permanent enrollment of the first regiment of Michigan volunteers into the service of the United States, under any act of Congress now in force, or which may become a law during the present session of Congress,

Were then severally read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The vote was reconsidered by which was passed the bill to incorporate the Detroit merchants' exchange company, and the question recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Clark,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Ferris,

Mr. Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,
Noyes,
Palmer,

Mr. Patchen,
Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

NAYS.

Mr. Hazen,
McKinney,

Mr. Mulhollen,
Patterson,

Mr. Powell,
Turner,

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On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The rule prescribing the order of business in the House was suspended, when

Mr. Lane moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the following resolution was yesterday rejected, which motion prevailed:

Resolved, That in all bills or resolutions introduced by any member, which are amendatory to any other act or resolution, such amendatory act or resolution shall recite in full the section proposed to be amended.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was not adopted.

The House then took up as unfinished business, the bill to amend section forty-four of chapter twelve of title three of the revised statutes of 1846, and the amendments made in committee of the whole were concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The words "title three" were stricken out of the second line of section one.

The amendments were then ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

The bill to provide for the payment of Andrew Harvie while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives, being under consideration,

Mr. Lawrence moved to commit it to the committee on claims, with instructions to inquire into the residence of the said Andrew Harvie, with power to send for persons and papers, and report to this House.

Mr. Terry moved to amend the motion by striking out "claims" and inserting "ways and means," which was lost.

The question then recurring on the motion to commit, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,

Mr. Granger,
Hazen,
Howard,
Lane,

Mr. Mathews,
McKinney,
Mowry,
Patchen,

Clark,	Lawrence,	Powell,	
Crouse,	Lothrop,	St. John,	
Denton,	Mack,	Vickery,	
Dimond,	W. R. Martin,	Williams,	24

NAYS.

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Smith,	
Blades,	King	H. Stone,	
Brown,	Kingsley,	H. H. Stone,	
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Strong,	
Carver,	Morris,	Taylor,	
Dennis,	Mulhollen,	Terry,	
Dodge,	Noyes,	Turner,	
Eldredge,	Palmer,	Voorhies,	
Emmons,	Patterson,	Warren,	
Enos,	Pierce,	Worden,	
Ferris,	Quackenboss,	Young,	
Frazer,	Russell,	Speaker,	36

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Palmer,	
Blades,	Hazard,	Patterson,	
Brown,	Hazen,	Quackenboss,	
Campbell,	King,	Russell,	
Carver,	Kingsley,	H. Stone,	
Dennis,	Littlejohn,	H. H. Stone,	
Dodge,	Lothrop,	Strong,	
Eldredge,	W. R. Martin,	Taylor,	
Emmons,	Mulhollen,	Terry,	
Enos,	Murray,	Worden,	
Ferris,	Noyes,	Speaker,	
Frazer,			34

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Howard,	Mr. Powell,	
Baldwin,	Lane,	Smith,	
Barlow,	Lawrence,	Spencer,	
Bennett,	Mack,	St. John,	
Clark,	Mathews,	Turner,	
Crouse,	McKinney,	Voorhies,	
Denton,	Morris,	Warren,	
Dimond,	Mowry,	Williams,	
Granger,	Patchen,	Young,	27

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in cases pending in chancery and the circuit courts, and to amend an act for revising and consolidating the general statutes of the state of Michigan, approved May 18, 1846, approved February 27, 1847, was ordered to be read the third time.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids, were severally concurred in except the fourth amendment, which was non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The second section was amended by inserting "ten" after the word "section" where it first occurs in the second line, and by inserting "and ten," after the word "hundred," in the seventh line, and by striking out the words "twenty-nine" in the fourth line, and inserting "thirty."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 22, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to appoint commissioners to lay out a certain state road, approved March 17, 1847.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Patterson in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to proceedings to recover possession of lands in certain cases ;

A bill to amend section eleven of chapter eighty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the attendance of certain officers upon the sessions of the supreme court ; and

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmet and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun ; and

Also, reported back with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill authorizing and empowering the Secretary of State to dispose by sale or exchange of certain statute books ; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 12, 1845.

The amendments to the last mentioned bill were concurred in, in gross by the House, the amendments ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

The amendment made in committee of the whole to the bill authorizing and empowering the Secretary of State to dispose by sale or exchange of certain statute books, was non-concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following was added to section one : "and also, so much of the paper purchased for printing the revised statutes of 1846, and now remaining in the city of Detroit, as he may deem advisable, at the price of not less than three dollars and eighty-seven cents per ream."

Mr. Patchen moved to amend the first section by striking out the words "seven hundred and fifty" before "copies" wherever it occurs, and inserting "two cords," which motion did not prevail, and

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

The bill to amend section eleven of chapter eighty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the attendance of certain officers upon the sessions of the supreme courts ; and

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmet and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun, were severally ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to proceedings to recover possession of lands in certain cases, was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary with instructions to embody it in a general amendatory act.

Mr. Smith, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this House will hereafter commence the daily business at half past nine o'clock in the morning, and continue in session until two o'clock, P. M., each day, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Monday, January 24, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Burnett, M. B. Martin and Scott, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Barlow, W. R. Martin and Mathews, were absent without leave.

The journal of Saturday was read and corrected.

Mr. Worden presented the petition of James R. Langdon and Hezekiah H. Reed, for the refunding of certain taxes illegally assessed upon their lands, in the county of Montcalm. Referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Eldredge presented the petition of James H. Andrews and Garry Goodrich, with four hundred and nineteen other citizens of Lapeer, St. Clair and Macomb counties, for the organization of a new county. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

REPORTS.

Mr Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the petition of R. E. Bird, for payment of damages, reported adverse to the prayer of the petition, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and leave was granted to the petitioner to withdraw his papers.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of certain taxes in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford in the county of Calhoun ;

A bill to provide for the payment of Andrew Harvie while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives ;

A bill to amend section eleven of chapter eighty-eight, of the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the attendance of certain officers upon the sessions of the supreme court ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids ;

House amendments to the Senate bill to amend section forty-four of chapter twelve, title three of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

House amendment to the Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 12, 1845 ; and

House amendments to the Senate bill authorizing and empowering the Secretary of State to dispose, by sale or exchange of certain statute books.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell to the township board of the township of Caledonia a certain piece of land.

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Vickery, from the committee on ways and means, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to revive in the county of Kalamazoo the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds.

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to extend the time for collecting taxes in the township of Brighton, in Livingston county ;

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without action, a bill to amend section six of chapter fifty-two, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes ; and

A bill to amend chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes, asked to be discharged from their further consideration, and recommended that they be referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bills referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Terry, from the committee of conference on the part of the House on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, reported that the committee were unable to agree on the subject matter referred to them.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The report was laid on the table.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 24, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith joint resolutions relative to a joint committee on the state prison, which the Senate have adopted.

A bill to amend an act to establish a board of auditors to investigate certain claims growing out of the sales of primary school lands, university and internal improvement lands, &c., approved March 24, 1845 ;

A bill to extend the time for the collection of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the township of Hamtramck, county of Wayne ; and

A bill to provide for the payment of the private secretary of the Governor, and for other purposes, which the Senate have severally passed, in which joint resolution and several bills the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am also instructed to return the bill to extend the time for the collection and return of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the townships of Monroe and Frenchtown, and respectfully to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to extend the time for the collection and return of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the townships of Monroe and Frenchtown, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution relative to a joint committee on the state prison, was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The Senate bill to amend an act to establish a board of auditors to investigate certain claims growing out of the sales of primary school lands, university and internal improvement lands, &c., approved March 24, 1845, was read twice and referred to the committee on public lands.

The Senate bill to extend the time for the collection of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the township of Hamtramck, in the county of Wayne; and

The Senate bill to provide for the payment of the private secretary of the Governor, and for other purposes, were severally read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The vote was reconsidered by which was passed the bill to increase the number of masters in chancery in the several counties in this state, and by unanimous consent, the following was added to section one: "except the counties of Wayne and Oakland, in each of which five may be appointed."

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to ward elections in the city of Detroit, and for other purposes, was taken from the table, and the question being on ordering it to be read the third time, it prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Resolved, That Henry N. Walker, Esq., late Attorney General of this state, be requested to report to this House why, and at whose instance, and at what time, the proceedings in the nature of a quo warranto against the president, directors and company of the Michigan State Bank, was discontinued, and what measures have been taken, and what costs and expenses have been incurred in preparing said proceedings for a hearing, and if any, by whom such costs have been paid.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to said Walker.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Resolved, That the committee on banks and incorporations be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law the circulation, in this state, of the notes of such Canada banks as do not provide for the redemption of their notes in specie, in the city of Detroit, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Turner offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter forty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the maintenance of illegitimate children, as to give the county courts jurisdiction in trial of all causes arising under the provision of said chapter, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The resolution was amended by striking out "the judiciary" and inserting the words "ways and means."

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Murray gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill making appropriations for the improvement of the Paw Paw river, in the counties of Berrien and Van Buren.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section eleven of act number one hundred and four of the session laws of 1847, that the orders of the commissioners therein contemplated be receivable for assessments assessed upon the lands mentioned in said act.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell to the township board of the township of Caledonia a certain piece of land, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Young gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section twenty-seven, of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to opening highways.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

Resolved, That the committee on education be instructed to inquire into the propriety of establishing by law an institution for the instruction of the deaf and dumb, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Howard gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to revive the justices act of 1841.

The bill to provide for the payment of Andrew Harvie, while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives, was read the third time, when,

Mr. Young moved to commit the bill to the committee on the judiciary, with instructions to add the following proviso to the first section: "Provided, that the said Harvie be paid traveling fees to and from Detroit to the capitol, and no more," which proviso was rejected.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pierce,
Blades,	Hazard,	Quackenboss,
Brown,	King,	Russell,
Campbell,	Kingsley,	H. Stone,
Carver,	Littlejohn,	H. H. Stone,
Dennis,	Lothrop,	Strong,
Dodge,	W. R. Martin,	Taylor,
Eldredge,	Mulhollen,	Terry,
Emmons,	Murray,	Vickery,
Enos,	Noyes,	Worden,
Ferris,	Palmer,	Speaker,
Frazer,	Patterson,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Howard,	Mr. Powell,
Baldwin,	Lane,	Smith,
Bennett,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Clark,	Mack,	St. John,
Crouse,	Mathews,	Turner,
Denton,	McKinney,	Voorheis,
Dimond,	Morris,	Warren,
Granger,	Mowry,	Williams,
Hazen,	Patchen,	Young,

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The bill to amend section eleven of chapter eighty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the attendance of certain officers upon the sessions of the supreme court;

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmet and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun;

The bill authorizing and empowering the Secretary of State to dispose by sale or exchange, of certain statute books;

The bill to amend section forty-four of chapter twelve, title three of the revised statutes of 1846; and

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids, were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 12, 1845, was read the third time, when

Mr. Baker moved to postpone its further consideration until two weeks from to-day, which motion was lost, and

The question being on the passage of the bill, it was passed.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to the ward elections in the city of Detroit, and for other purposes, approved March 27, 1839, was read the third time, when

Mr. Lawrence moved that it be laid on the table, which did not prevail.

Mr. Terry moved that its further consideration be postponed until next Saturday, which was not agreed to.

And the bill was passed.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in cases pending in chancery and the circuit courts, and to amend an act for revising and consolidating the general statutes of Michigan, approved May 18, 1846, approved February 27, 1847, was read the third time, when

Mr. Kingsley, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the same by adding thereto the following to stand as section two, which motion prevailed, viz :

"Section two. If the justices of the supreme court shall not assign to any one of their number the duty of holding courts of chancery, as contemplated by this act, either of said justices may hold a court in any of the chancery circuits at the appointed term of said chancery courts, or any adjourned term thereof."

The question then being on the passage of the bill, it was passed.

Mr. Noyes reported that the bill to extend the time for the collection and return of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the townships of Monroe and Frenchtown, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 24, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to respectfully inform you that the committee of conference heretofore appointed on the part of the Senate, on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, have been discharged, and a new committee consisting of Senators Dunham, Loomis and Griswold have been appointed, and the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The report of the committee of conference on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, was taken from the table, the report accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Lothrop moved that the House insist on the disagreement to the Senate amendment to said bill, which motion prevailed.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Campbell in the chair.

And after a short time spent thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairmen reported that they had had under consideration a bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, on which they had made some progress and asked leave to sit again thereon.

Leave was granted.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, January 25, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Barnett and Scott were absent on leave, and Messrs. Enos, Lawrence and Spencer, were absent without leave.

Mr. Terry asked and obtained leave of absence for Messrs. Lawrence and Spencer, for an indefinite time.

Mr. Patterson for Mr. Enos for an indefinite time.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Pierce, of P. S. Hewitt and others, for the repeal or amendment of so much of section eighteen of chapter thirty-one of the revised statutes as relates to the weight of dried fruit. Referred to the committee on state affairs.

By Mr. Patterson, of John W. Meech and one hundred others, for the repeal of an act incorporating the Adrian Lyceum and Benevolent Association. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. H. Stone, of ninety-four inhabitants of the city of Monroe, for an amendment of section twenty-three of chapter forty-one of the revised statutes of 1846. Referred to the committee on state affairs.

By Mr. Howard, of Joseph A. Patrick and Martin Vrooman, for relief for losses sustained in work on the Central rail road. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Denton, of John Southard and ten other citizens of Oakland, for the establishment of an office at Pontiac, in said county, for the reception of moneys due the state for school lands. Referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. M. B. Martin, of citizens of Shiawassee county, for the passage of a law providing for laying out a state road from the village of Byron to the capitol of the state. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Worden, of Stephen S. Tower and thirty-seven other residents of Kent county, and of Alexander Satterlee and ninety-six others, asking that certain townships in Kent county may be attached to the unorganized county of Montcalm. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

By Mr. Emmons, of George Hentig, for an appropriation of land. Referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Eldredge, of C. Churchill, and fifteen other citizens of Almont, for the organization of a new county to be called Almont. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

REPORTS.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment, and recommended that it do not pass, the bill to amend section four of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846.

Also, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to amend chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes.

Also, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to amend section six of chapter fifty-two, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes.

Which reports were accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subjects, and the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on federal relations, reported back without amendment, and reported adverse to their adoption, the joint resolutions relative to the postage on newspapers, and the joint resolution relative to an alteration of the laws of Congress on the subject of postage.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolutions were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. H. Stone, from the same committee, to whom was referred joint resolution relative to the construction of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal, submitted a report accompanied by a substitute for the joint resolution, entitled joint resolution relative to the public works of the state of Michigan.

The report was read, accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The report and substitute were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Crouse,

Five hundred extra copies of the report with the substitute attached, were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to amend an act to establish a board of auditors to investigate certain claims growing out of the sales of primary school lands, university and internal improvement lands, &c., approved March 24, 1845.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill relative to the costs of prosecution in criminal cases, reported the same back together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the substitute laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, January 25, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return a bill to change the name of the township of Wayne, in the county of Wayne, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to change the name of the township of Wayne in the county of Wayne, was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Emmons gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave

to introduce a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the fourth ward in the city of Detroit.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill to define a homestead and exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Eldredge gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to establish a state road from the village of Almont, in the county of Lapeer, to Port Huron, in St. Clair county.

Mr. Campbell offered the following resolution, which was not adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the committee on engrossment and enrollment be instructed to employ an assistant engrossing and enrolling clerk, when in their opinion the same may be deemed necessary.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Resolved, That the committee on internal improvement be requested to inquire into the propriety of appropriating certain public lands for the improvement of the state road from Flint village in the county of Genesee, to Brighton, in Livingston county, by way of Fentonville.

Mr. Young gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the organization of the militia of this state.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The petitions of David Paddack and Solomon Close, relative to setting off certain lands from the corporate limits of the village of Pontiac, were taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Patchen,

Resolved, That the committee on state affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending section eight of article four of the constitution of this state, that it can be understood.

Mr. Murray gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize the highway commissioners of Benton township, to reassess certain delinquent non-resident taxes.

Mr. Mack offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was laid on the table, viz :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House it requires a vote of forty-four members in the affirmative, to alter, amend, pass or repeal an act of incorporation for a private company, under the provisions of the constitution of this state.

On motion of Mr. Dodge,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to the county clerks of the several counties of this state, upon proper application for the same, such copies of the American State Papers on public lands as have been furnished by the general government for that purpose.

The following communication was announced :

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 25, 1848. }

Hon. A. W. BUEL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives* :

SIR :—I have the honor to transmit to you, to be laid before the House of Representatives, a report, pursuant to a joint resolution approved March 17, 1847, entitled "joint resolution relative to the capitol."

Very respectfully,

Yours, &c.,

E. MUNDY,
Attorney General.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The report of the Attorney General was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, Mr. Campbell in the chair.

After spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported the bill back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill and amendments were referred to the committee on the militia.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan, was taken from the table, and referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Vickery in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back without amendment,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Monroe and Frenchtown ;

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain lands and for other purposes ;

A bill to amend section four of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell to the township board of the township of Caledonia a certain piece of land ;

A bill to extend the time for collecting taxes in the township of Brighton, in Livingston county ;

A bill conveying to the state of Michigan a certain piece of land in the town of Michigan ; and

A joint resolution relative to a joint committee on the state prison ; and

Also reported back with amendments in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill directing the Commissioner of the Land Office to offer certain lots for sale in the town of Michigan, and for other purposes ;

A bill to amend chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes ;

A bill to revive in the county of Kalamazoo the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846 ; and

A joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, January 26, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Burnett, Enos, Lawrence, Scott and Spencer, were absent on leave, and Messrs Denton and Palmer were absent without leave.

Mr. Mowry asked leave of absence for Mr. Denton for an indefinite period, which was granted.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Littlejohn, of L. B. Coates, and others, for the passage of a law authorizing Philip Burlingham to convey a certain village lot in the village of Otsego in the county of Allegan. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Eldredge, of John M. Lamb, and sixty-seven other citizens of the township of Dryden, Lapeer county, for the organization of a new county to be called Almont. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

By Mr. Terry, of citizens of Macomb county, for the abolition of county courts, and increasing the circuits. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Terry, of John G. Dixon, for the allowance of a certain claim. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Lane, of sixty-five citizens of Macomb county, and also one of thirty-eight citizens of the same county, asking the extension of the jurisdiction of county courts to all cases both civil and criminal. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Strong, of H. S. Hollister, and others, citizens of Jackson county, in relation to private roads. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Murray, of William Scott and fifty-six other citizens of Berrien county, for an appropriation of public lands, for the improvement of the Paw Paw river. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Kingsley from the committee on the judiciary to whom was referred a resolution of inquiry as to the expediency of providing by

law for capital punishment, reported that in the opinion of the committee it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to provide for the payment of the private secretary of the Governor, and for other purposes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, reported a bill to amend chapter thirty-one of the revised statutes of 1846, and a bill to amend chapter forty-one of the revised statutes, which bills were severally read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported a bill to change the name of the township of Wayne in the county of Wayne, as correctly enrolled, and that it was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to extend the time for the collection of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the township of Hamtramck, in the county of Wayne.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Governor :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, January 25, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act entitled an act to extend the time for the collection and return of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the townships of Monroe and Frenchtown.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 25, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed to transmit herewith a concurrent resolution relative to the claim of Benjamin Porter, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate concurrent resolution relative to the claim of Benjamin Porter, was read, when

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The rules were suspended, and the concurrent resolution was taken up, considered and adopted.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 25, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Detroit, for the year 1847, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Detroit, for the year 1847, was read twice, when

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The rules were suspended so as to enable the bill to receive its third reading to-day, and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 26, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill designating the places for holding the senatorial canvass for senatorial districts numbers four and five; and

A bill to provide for filing and preserving petitions, reports, &c., presented to the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am also instructed to inform you that the House amendments to the following bills have been severally concurred in, and that said bills have been ordered to be enrolled, viz :

A bill to increase the number of masters in chancery in the several counties in this state ;

A bill authorizing and empowering the Secretary of State to dispose by sale or exchange of certain statute books ;

A bill to amend section forty-four of chapter twelve, title three of the revised statutes of 1846 ; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in cases pending in chancery and the circuit courts, and to amend an act for revising and consolidating the general statutes of Michigan, approved May 18, 1846, approved February 27, 1847.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

* CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill designating the places for holding the senatorial canvass in senatorial districts numbers four and five, was read twice and referred to the committee on elections.

The Senate bill to provide for filing and preserving petitions, reports, &c., presented to the Senate and House of Representatives and for other purposes, was read twice and referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Littlejohn gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to the acquisition of any new territory by the United States, and the government of the same.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

Resolved, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives between the hours of nine and ten o'clock to-morrow morning be, and hereby is tendered to Mr. Jonathan Lamb, for the purpose of delivering an educational lecture.

Mr. Taylor, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize the highway commissioners of the township of Plainfield, in the county of Kent, to build a free bridge across Grand River, which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Mathews gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize the State Treasurer to loan to the county of Ingham one thousand dollars of the primary school money, for the purpose of building county buildings.

Mr. Mowry, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company, approved May 15, 1846, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Taylor gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company.

Mr. Bingham gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section twenty-seven of chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the revised statutes, in relation to contracts for labor of convicts in the state prison.

Mr. Dodge gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a joint resolution directing the Secretary of State to deliver to the clerks of the several counties of this state certain documents.

Mr. Hazard gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to the establishing of a mail route from Detroit to Michigan, upon the Grand River road.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the existing provisions of law in relation to the return of delinquent taxes, and the proceedings

in relation thereto, as to provide for the return of said delinquent taxes to the county treasurers, and all subsequent proceedings to be had in the counties respectively.

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Detroit for the year 1847, was read the third time and passed.

The House then took up as unfinished business, the joint resolution relative to a joint committee on the state prison, and

On motion of Mr. Terry,

It was referred to the committee on the state prison.

The bill conveying to the state of Michigan a certain piece of land in the town of Michigan, being before the House,

Mr. Pierce offered a substitute therefor, entitled a bill for the conveyance of certain lands to the state of Michigan, and for other purposes, and

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill and substitute were laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

The bill to extend the time for collecting taxes in the township of Brighton, in Livingston county, and

The bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell to the township board of the township of Caledonia, a certain piece of land, were severally ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House then took up the bill to amend section four of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

It was recommitted to the committee on roads and bridges.

The bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain lands, and for other purposes, being before the House,

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Its further consideration was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Monroe and Frenchtown, was then taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Its further consideration was indefinitely postponed.

The House then took up the joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws, when the same was,

On motion of Mr. Lane,

Amended by striking out all after the word "sent," in the fourth line, to and including Shiawassee, in the seventh line, and inserting "to the clerk of each and every organized township in the state of Michigan."

The joint resolution as amended, was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill directing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to offer certain lots for sale in the town of Michigan, and for other purposes, being before the House, the same was,

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Laid on the table.

The amendment striking out all after the enacting clause to the bill to amend chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes, was concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill was laid on the table.

The amendment made in committee of the whole to the bill to revive in the county of Kalamazoo the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846, was concurred in by the House, and

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, by unanimous consent, reported a bill for the relief of the religious society of Friends ; Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Taylor in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847 ;

A bill to amend an act to establish a board of auditors to investigate certain claims growing out of the sales of primary school lands, university and internal improvement lands, &c., approved March 24, 1846 ; and

A joint resolution relative to postage on newspapers.

And also reported back with sundry amendments in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the township of Hamtramck, in the county of Wayne ;

A bill to provide for the payment of the private secretary of the Governor, and for other purposes ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony, now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan ; and

A bill to amend section six of chapter fifty-two, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847, was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill to amend an act to establish a board of state auditors to investigate certain claims growing out of the sale of primary school lands, university and internal improvement lands, &c., approved March 24, 1845, was amended by striking out all after the word "legislature" in the fourteenth and fifteenth lines.

The bill was then ordered to be read the third time.

The joint resolution relative to postage on newspapers was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendment made in committee of the whole striking out the third section of the bill to extend the time for the collection of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the township of Hamtramck, in the county of Wayne, was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

The amendment to the bill to provide for the payment of the private secretary of the Governor, and for other purposes, was concurred in, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony, now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan, were severally concurred in.

Mr. McKinney moved to amend the sixth section by adding thereto the following : "and the expense of making such survey, profiles, maps and field notes, and the recording thereof shall be paid for out of such appropriations," which amendment was rejected.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments to the bill to amend section six of chapter fifty-two, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes, were severally concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, January 26, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to change the name of the township of Wayne, in the county of Wayne.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, January 27, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Burnett, Denton, Enos, Lawrence, Scott and Spencer, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Crouse, Quackenboss H. H. Stone and Turner were absent without leave.

Mr. Powell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Turner for the day.

Mr. Dennis for Mr. Quackenboss, for an indefinite period.

Mr. Howard for Mr. H. H. Stone, for an indefinite time.

Mr. Eldredge for Mr. Crouse, for the day.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Taylor, of eleven of the board of supervisors of Kent county for the extension of the jurisdiction of the county courts. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Lane, of the grand jury of Macomb county, and also of the board of supervisors of the same county, asking that the jurisdiction of the county courts be extended. Same reference.

By Mr. Williams, of the board of supervisors of Hillsdale county, to extend the jurisdiction of county courts. Same reference

By Mr. Kingsley, a resolution adopted by the board of supervisors of the county of Washtenaw, recommending an extension of the jurisdiction of the county courts. Same reference.

By Mr. Dennis, of Thos. Cooley and others, asking an extension of the jurisdiction of the county courts. Same reference.

By Mr. Terry, of Loren Andrews, of Joseph Miller, and of D. W. Noyes, relative to certain saline lands. Referred to the committee on public lands.

REPORTS.

Mr. Kingsley, from the minority of the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to amend chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes, which was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Mack moved that the bill be ordered printed, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills and joint resolutions were correctly engrossed :

A bill to amend section six of chapter fifty-two, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes ;

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell to the township board of the township of Caledonia a certain piece of land ;

A bill to extend the time for collecting taxes in the township of Brighton, in the county of Livingston ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847 ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan ;

A joint resolution relative to the postage on newspapers ; and

A joint resolution relative to a distribution of the laws ;

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company, approved May 15, 1846.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report, which was accepted and the committee discharged, viz :

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a resolution directing them to "inquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law, the circulation in this state, of the notes of such Canada banks as do not provide for the redemption of their notes in specie, in the city of Detroit," have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report, that however desirable it may be to exclude such bills from circulation, without adequate security to our citizens for their redemption, yet your committee regard it as one of those subjects upon which it would be difficult to legislate. The people themselves have the power in their own hands, and can remedy the evil by refusing to take and circulate such notes, whenever they shall see it to be for their interest to do so.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back the bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute, with amendments, and recommended its passage.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Emmons from the committee on state affairs, reported a joint resolution relative to amending the constitution of this state.

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Emmons, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to provide for filing and preserving petitions, reports, &c., presented to the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of providing for the sale of the internal improvement lands, and applying the proceeds to the payment of the interest on the internal improvement debt of the state, submitted a report, which was read, accepted, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turner, from the majority of the committee on claims, reported a joint resolution relative to the claim of David Van Arman ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of so amending the revised statutes as to leave the granting of licenses to the township boards, reported adverse to any change in the existing law.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The following communication was announced :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan January 27, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to return herewith the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford in the county of Calhoun, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun, was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Taylor gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize John A. Brooks to erect a dam across the Muskegon river in the county of Newaygo ; and

A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids woolen mills, in the county of Kent.

Mr. Taylor, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Littlejohn, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained

leave to introduce joint resolutions relative to the acquisition of new territory by the general government, which was read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Emmons gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior mining and fishing company.

Mr. Dodge pursuant to previous notice asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution authorizing the delivery of certain public documents to the several county clerks in this state, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the state library.

Mr. Vickery gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes relative to the powers and duties of commissioners of highways.

Mr. Hazard, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to the establishing of a mail route from Detroit to Michigan, which was read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Bingham gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to the claim of Alexander Titchworth.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Resolved, That William L. Greenly, late Governor of this state, be requested to lay before this House, with as little delay as possible, a statement of the expenditure of the ten thousand dollars, under the joint resolutions on the existing war with Mexico, approved February 13, 1847, with a copy of all vouchers taken by him in said expenditure.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The joint resolutions relative to the public works of the state of Michigan, were taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell to the township board of the township of Caledonia a certain piece of land, and

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill to amend section six of chapter fifty-two, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes, was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Young,

Recommitted to the committee on roads and bridges, with instructions to strike out the first section.

The bill to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Brighton, in the county of Livingston, was read the third time and passed.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan, came up for a third reading, when,

Mr. Lothrop asked the unanimous consent of the House to amend the bill by inserting the following to stand as section five, viz :

Section 5. Whenever any contractor, under the preceding section of this act shall have finished his job, according to the terms and specifications of his contract and the same shall have been accepted by said special commissioner, or any service shall have been rendered by any person under the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of such special commissioner to pay such contractor, for such services, by his order drawn on the Commissioner of the State Land Office, which orders shall be received at the land office, in payment for any lands selected and reserved from sale by the third section of this act: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell any of said lands at a less price than that now established by law for the sale of internal improvement lands.

Mr. Young moved to commit the bill to the committee on the judiciary, with instructions to insert the above section, and also, to strike out of the third line of section seven the word "three," and insert "two."

Mr. Lothrop moved to amend the instructions by striking out there-

from all relating to the seventh section, which motion did not prevail ; and

The question recurring on the motion to commit with instructions, it prevailed.

Mr. Pierce moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was committed with instructions, but the House refused to reconsider.

The bill to amend an act to establish a board of auditors to investigate certain claims growing out of the sale of primary school lands, university and internal improvement lands, &c., approved March 24, 1845 ;

The bill to extend the time for the collection of certain taxes for the year 1847, in the township of Hamtramck in the county of Wayne ;

The bill to provide for the payment of the private secretary of the Governor and for other purposes ; and

The joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws,
Were severally read the third time and passed.

The joint resolution relative to the postage on newspapers, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, it was decided in the negative.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Littlejohn in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back without amendment,

A bill to provide for filing and preserving petitions, reports, &c., presented to the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes ; and

Joint resolutions relative to the public works of the state of Michigan ; and

Also, reported back with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked, a bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the last named bill, were concurred in, in gross.

Mr. Lothrop moved to further amend the bill by striking out of the

first line of section twelve, the words "the three last preceding sections of," which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Section five was stricken out of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The following section was added to the bill :

Sec. 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the thirtieth day after its passage.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The joint resolutions relative to the public works of the state of Michigan being before the House, they were,

On motion of Mr. McKinney,

Amended by striking out of the first line of the second resolution, the words "his excellency."

The joint resolutions were then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

A bill to provide for filing and preserving petitions, reports, &c., presented to the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes, was ordered to be read the third time.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 27, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed to transmit herewith a joint resolution relative to the claim of Benjamin Porter, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of Benjamin Porter, was read twice, when

Mr. Turner moved a suspension of the rules so as to enable the joint resolution to receive its final action to-day, which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The vote was reconsidered by which the bill to amend section six of chapter fifty-two, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes, was recommitted to the committee on roads and bridges with instructions to strike out the first section.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The House adjourned.

Friday, January 28, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Burnett, Denton, Enos, Lawrence, Quackenboss, Scott, Spencer and H. H. Stone, were absent on leave.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Clark, of A. J. Comstock and one hundred and eighty-three others, for a charter for the Woodstock manual labor institute, in the county of Lenawee. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Campbell, of L. Stillson, and others, for the abolition of the county courts, the formation of two additional judicial circuits, and for other purposes. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Noyes, of Washington Weeks and sixty-seven others, praying for the repeal of the law imposing a direct tax upon citizens for military purposes. Referred to the committee on the militia.

By the Speaker, resolutions of the common council of the city of Detroit, relative to the manner of dividing the fourth ward of said city. Laid on the table.

REPORTS.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the petition of John W. Meech and others, for the repeal of the charter of the Adrian Lyceum and Benevolent Association, and reported adverse to the prayer of the petition.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported

back the bill to revive in the county of Kalamazoo, the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill and substitute laid on the table and the substitute ordered printed.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the same committee, to whom was referred a resolution of inquiry as to the expediency of so altering the existing provisions of law in relation to the return of delinquent taxes, and the proceedings in relation thereto, as to provide for the return of said delinquent taxes to the county treasurers, and all subsequent proceedings to be had thereon, in the counties respectively, submitted a report, which was read, accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The report was laid on the table, and two hundred extra copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the committee on the state prison, submitted the following report :

The committee on the state prison, to whom was referred the joint resolution relative to a joint committee, have had the same under consideration, and report, that in order to arrive at a proper decision upon the recommendations of the inspectors and agent of the prison, as to the necessity of a further expenditure on the prison buildings, and other matters pertaining therunto, it may become necessary for a part of the joint committee to visit the prison. They therefore report back the joint resolutions without amendment, recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution relative to a joint committee on the state prison was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the claim of John G. Dixon, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to embody the amount in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the claim referred to the committee on ways and means, with the instructions.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The vote was reconsidered by which the bill to amend section six of chapter fifty-two, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes, was recommitted to the committee on roads and bridges with instructions to strike out the first section.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

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Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill and substitute laid on the table and the substitute ordered printed.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the same committee, to whom was referred a resolution of inquiry as to the expediency of so altering the existing provisions of law in relation to the return of delinquent taxes, and the proceedings in relation thereto, as to provide for the return of said delinquent taxes to the county treasurers, and all subsequent proceedings to be had thereon, in the counties respectively, submitted a report, which was read, accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The report was laid on the table, and two hundred extra copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the committee on the state prison, submitted the following report :

The committee on the state prison, to whom was referred the joint resolution relative to a joint committee, have had the same under consideration, and report, that in order to arrive at a proper decision upon the recommendations of the inspectors and agent of the prison, as to the necessity of a further expenditure on the prison buildings, and other matters pertaining therunto, it may become necessary for a part of the joint committee to visit the prison. They therefore report back the joint resolutions without amendment, recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution relative to a joint committee on the state prison was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the claim of John G. Dixon, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to embody the amount in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the claim referred to the committee on ways and means, with the instructions.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill placed in the order of bills for a third reading.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back with amendments, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill and amendments laid on the table and the amendments ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the state library, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the joint resolution authorizing the delivery of certain documents to the several county clerks of this state.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. M. B. Martin, from the committee on elections, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill designating the places for holding the senatorial canvass in senatorial districts numbers four and five.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes, in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds ; and

The joint resolution relative to the public works of the state of Michigan.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without action, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on ways and means, the resolution of inquiry into the expediency of amending the existing provisions of law relative to the assessment and collection of certain taxes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the resolution referred to the committee on ways and means.

The following communication was announced :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 28, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to amend the act entitled an act to amend section forty-four of chapter twelve of the revised statutes, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return the bill to provide for the payment of Andrew Harvie, while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren and Berrien, approved March 17, 1847 ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids ; and

Joint resolution relative to furnishing certain township officers with copies of laws, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred in said bills and joint resolutions.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to provide for the payment of Andrew Harvie while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives ;

The bill to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren and Berrien, approved March 17, 1847 ;

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill placed in the order of bills for a third reading.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back with amendments, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill and amendments laid on the table and the amendments ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the state library, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the joint resolution authorizing the delivery of certain documents to the several county clerks of this state.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. M. B. Martin, from the committee on elections, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill designating the places for holding the senatorial canvass in senatorial districts numbers four and five.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes, in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds ; and

The joint resolution relative to the public works of the state of Michigan.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without action, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on ways and means, the resolution of inquiry into the expediency of amending the existing provisions of law relative to the assessment and collection of certain taxes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the resolution referred to the committee on ways and means.

The following communication was announced :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 28, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to amend the act entitled an act to amend section forty-four of chapter twelve of the revised statutes, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return the bill to provide for the payment of Andrew Harvie, while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren and Berrien, approved March 17, 1847 ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids ; and

Joint resolution relative to furnishing certain township officers with copies of laws, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred in said bills and joint resolutions.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to provide for the payment of Andrew Harvie while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives ;

The bill to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren and Berrien, approved March 17, 1847 ;

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids ; and

The joint resolution relative to furnishing certain township officers with copies of laws ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to amend the act entitled an act to amend section forty-four of chapter twelve of the revised statutes, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Eldredge gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill for the organization of a new county from the counties of Lapeer and St Clair.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish to the House of Representatives a copy of the report for the year 1847, required to be annually made to him by the directors of the Michigan Central rail road company, by the provisions of section thirty-two of the act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Resolved, That the committee on education be requested to take into consideration and report upon the propriety of establishing under the patronage and supervision of the state, a school for the education of the deaf and dumb citizens of the state of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The following bills were taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order, viz :

The bill to amend chapter thirty-one of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

The bill to amend chapter forty-one of the revised statutes ; and

The bill for the relief of the religious society of Friends.

Mr. Murray, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the reassessment of certain non-resident highway taxes of 1846, in the township, of Benton, in the county of Berrien, which was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Emmons, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave

to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Bingham, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Alexander Titchworth.

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill conveying to the state of Michigan a certain piece of land in the town of Michigan, and the substitute therefor, being the bill for the conveyance of certain lands to the state of Michigan, and for other purposes, were taken from the table.

Mr. Lothrop gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Resolved, That the acting commissioner on state buildings, be requested to report to the House whether the lands to which the state is entitled by virtue of a bond of William H. Townsend and others, have been conveyed to the state, and if not to report what has been done towards fulfilling the conditions of said bond.

Mr. Taylor, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize John A. Brooks to erect a dam across the Muskegon river in the county of Newaygo, which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Emmons offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on federal relations to whom was referred the resolution relative to the acquisition of new territory by the general government, be instructed to correspond with Hon. Henry N. Walker, the late Attorney General of the state of Michigan, as to the propriety of this House expressing any opinion therein, before the state convention shall have been held.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The resolution was laid on the table.

The joint resolution relative to the public works of the state of Michigan, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement

warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds, was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Laid on the table and made the special order for to-morrow.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan, was read the third time, when

Mr. Pierce asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to amend the third line of section eight, by striking out "two" and inserting "three" before the word "dollars."

Mr. Lothrop asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to amend the seventh line of section five, by inserting the word "other" before "services."

The bill was then passed.

The bill to provide for filing and preserving petitions, reports, &c., presented to the Senate and House of Representatives and for other purposes, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, it was not passed.

The House then took up as unfinished business, the bill to amend section six of chapter twenty-five, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes ; and

The question being on recommitting the bill to the committee on roads and bridges, with instructions to strike out section one, it was decided in the negative.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, it was passed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Lothrop in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to amend chapter thirty-one of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

A bill to amend chapter forty-one of the revised statutes ;

A bill for the relief of the religious society of Friends ;

A bill designating the places for holding the senatorial canvass in senatorial district numbers four and five ;

A joint resolution relative to a joint committee on the state prison ;

A joint resolution authorizing the delivery of certain public documents to the several county clerks in this state ; and

A joint resolution relative to the settlement of the claim of Alexander Titchworth ; and

Also reported back the bill conveying to the state of Michigan a certain piece of land in the town of Michigan, together with a substitute therefor, entitled a bill for the conveyance of certain lands to the state of Michigan, and for other purposes, and in which substitute the concurrence of the House was asked.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, January 29, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Burnett, Denton, Enos, Lawrence, Quackenboss, Scott, Spencer and H. H. Stone were absent on leave, and Messrs. W. R. Martin and Palmer were absent without leave.

Mr. Morris asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Palmer for an indefinite time.

Mr. Bingham for Mr. W. R. Martin, for an indefinite time.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Speaker presented the remonstrance of fifty members of the Scott Guards of the city of Detroit, against withholding from them payment for their services as volunteer militia, under existing laws providing for such payment, which was referred to the committee on the militia.

Mr. Worden presented the remonstrance of John H. English and forty-one others, against levying a tax for the purpose of improving the Grand River turnpike, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Campbell presented the petition of William Wallace and eighty-

seven others, for an appropriation on a certain state road, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back with an amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back the petition of citizens of Dewitt, Clinton county, for the amendment of the act to improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, and reported adverse to the prayer of the petition.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and recommended that it do not pass, the bill to amend section four of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on federal relations, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to the establishing of a mail route from Detroit to Michigan.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills and joint resolutions were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor, for his approval, viz :

The bill to provide for the payment of Andrew Harvie while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives ;

The bill to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren, and Berrien, approved March 17th, 1847 ; and

The joint resolution relative to furnishing certain township officers with copies of laws.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill

to organize certain townships in the counties of Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend the act entitled an act to amend section forty-four of chapter twelve of the revised statutes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes, entitled of the relief of insolvent debtors, on the application of an insolvent and his creditors.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, January 28, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM,

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Secretary of State :

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 29, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—In obedience to the resolution of the House of Representatives adopted the twenty-eighth instant, I herewith transmit a copy of the annual report of the Michigan Central rail road company for the year 1847, made to this office in pursuance of section thirty-two of the act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company.

Very respectfully, &c.,

G. O. WHITEMORE,

Secretary of State

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The communication and accompanying document were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 28, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return the bill to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Brighton, in the county of Livingston, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein ; also,

A bill to amend an act to establish a board of auditors to investigate certain claims growing out of the sales of primary school lands, university and internal improvement lands, &c., approved March 24, 1845, with the House amendments thereto, in which the Senate have non-concurred.

I am also instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 12, 1845, and that said bill as amended has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Brighton, in the county of Livingston, was ordered to be enrolled.

The House then took up for consideration the bill to amend an act to establish a board of auditors to investigate certain claims growing out of the sales of primary school lands, university and internal improvement lands, &c., approved March 24, 1845, when

Mr. Taylor moved that the House recede from their amendment thereto, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The following resolution was taken from the table :

Resolved, That the committee on federal relations, to whom was re-

ferred the resolution relative to the acquisition of new territory, by the general government, be instructed to correspond with Hon. Henry N. Walker, the late Attorney General of the state of Michigan, as to the propriety of this House expressing any opinion therein, before the state convention shall have been held.

And the question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Littlejohn offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on federal relations be instructed to report back to this House forthwith the resolutions heretofore referred to them upon the subject of the acquisition of new territory by the general government, and the government of the same.

Mr. Lothrop moved to postpone the consideration of the resolution till next Monday, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Brown,
Carver,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Ferris,
Frazer,

Mr. Granger,
Hazard,
Kingsley,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Noyes,
Patterson,
Pierce,
Powell,
Russell,
St. John,
Strong,
Worden,
Young,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Blades,
Campbell,
Clark,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Harris,
Hazen,

Mr. Howard,
King,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Murray,
Patchen,
Smith,

Mr. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Speaker,

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The question then being on the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the negative by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bingham,
Blades,
Campbell,

Mr. Harris,
Hazen,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,

Mr. Pierce,
Smith,
Strong,
Taylor,

Clark,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Eldredge,
Emmons,

Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Murray,
Patchen,

Terry,
Vickery,
Warren,
Williams,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Benrett,
Brown,
Carver,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,

Mr. Hazard,
Howard,
King
Kingsley,
Lane,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Noyes,

Mr. Patterson,
Powell,
Russell,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Turner,
Voorhies,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker, 30

Mr. Emmons gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Michigan and Detroit plank road company.

Mr. Eldredge offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the acquisition of any new territory, whether by purchase, conquest or otherwise, we deem it the duty of the general government to extend over the same an exemption from the institution of slavery, and also, to extend over it all the rights, privileges, conditions and immunities of citizens of free soil.

Mr. H. Stone moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,
Blades,
Brown,
Carver,
Dimond,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Frazer,

Mr. Granger,
Hazard,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Noyes,
Patterson,
Pierce,
Russell,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Turner,
Young,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bingham,
Campbell,
Clark,
Crouse,

Mr. Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,

Mr. Smith,
Taylor,
Terry,
Vickery,
Voorheis,

Dennis,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Harris,
Hazen,

Mowry,
Murray,
Patchen,
Powell,

Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Speaker,

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Mr. Emmons moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on federal relations with instructions to report it back, together with the joint resolution on the subject of the acquisition of new territory, on Monday next.

And a division of the question being called for, it was first taken on referring to the committee, and lost.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The resolution was amended by striking out the word "duty" and inserting "right."

Mr. Mack moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "extend," and inserting "to the inhabitants of any such territory, all the rights, privileges and immunities of citizens of the free states of the Union, and to exempt them from the institution of slavery."

Pending which,

Mr. Pierce moved to lay the resolution and amendments on the table, which was lost, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The resolution was further amended by inserting the words "and duty," after "right."

Mr. Emmons moved to refer the resolution to the committee on federal relations, which motion was decided in the affirmative by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Brown,
Carver,
Dennis,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferria,
Granger,

Mr. Hazard,
Howard,
Kingsley,
Lane,
M. B. Martin,
McKinney,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Noyes,
Patterson,

Mr. Powell,
Russell,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Turner,
Voorhies,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bingham,

Mr. Hazen,
Littlejohn,

Mr. Patchen,
Smith,

Blades,
Campbell,
Clark,
Crouse,
Eldredge,
Harris,

Lothrop,
Mack,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,

Taylor,
Terry,
Vickery,
Warren,
Williams,

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Mr. Littlejohn offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this House approve of the principle of the Wilmot proviso.

Mr. Emmons moved that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the motion by striking out the words "the judiciary," and inserting "ways and means," which motion was lost, and

The question recurring on the motion to refer, it prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

Resolved, That the acting commissioner to locate the capitol, be requested to report to the House whether the lands on section twenty-one, in the town of Michigan, proposed to be given to this state, by Townsend & Brothers, have been selected, and if so, to report the numbers and descriptions of said lots or blocks.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The House adjourned.

Monday, January 31, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Denton, Lawrence, W. R. Martin, Palmer, Quackenboss, Scott, Spencer and H. H. Stone, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Blades, Carver and Mathews, were absent without leave.

Mr. Crouse asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Mathews for an indefinite time.

Mr. Kingsley for Mr. Carver, for an indefinite period.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By the Speaker, the remonstrance of Franklin Moore and others,

citizens of Detroit, against the repeal of the existing law relative to the inspecting of fish. Referred to the committee on state affairs.

By Mr. Campbell, the petition of Isaac C. Motz and one hundred others, for an appropriation on the state road leading from Battle Creek to Lansing. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Taylor, of C. S. Hooker and seventeen other citizens of the township of Vergennes, in Kent county, asking for a division of that township. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

By Mr. Mowry, of Robert Garner and eighty-three other citizens of Oakland county, for the repeal of the law abolishing capital punishment. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. H. Stone, of one hundred and forty citizens of the county of Monroe, for the restoration of the garnishee law of 1845. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Morris, of eighty-two citizens of St. Joseph county, for an extension of the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan. Referred to the committee on incorporations.

By Mr. Lothrop, of the school inspectors of the township of Flowerfield, and others, relative to the last will and testament of Franklin Howard. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back with an amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to authorize John A. Brooks to erect a dam across the Muskegon river in the county of Newaygo.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported a bill to provide for the laying out of private roads; and

A bill authorizing Robert Palmer and Morris S. Allen to build a dam across the Grand River in the county of Clinton;

Which bills were severally read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of constructing a bridge across the Muskegon river in the county of

Newaygo, and for laying out, establishing and improving a road from Newaygo, in the county of Newaygo, to Grand Rapids in the county of Kent ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back the bill to amend chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highways and bridges, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill and substitute laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back the following resolution, together with a substitute therefor, viz :

Resolved, That this House approve of the principle of the Wilmot proviso.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Lane,

The resolution and substitute were laid on the table.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on federal relations, reported back without action, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration, the joint resolutions relative to the acquisition of new territory by the general government, and the House resolution on the same subject.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

By common consent, it being out of its regular order, the bill to amend the act entitled an act to amend section forty-four of chapter twelve of the revised statutes, was read the third time and passed.

The following message was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, January 29, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids ;

Also, an act to amend an act entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road in the counties of Van Buren and Berrien, approved March 17, 1847 ; also

An act to provide for the payment of Andrew Harvie while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives ; also

A joint resolution relative to furnishing certain township officers with copies of laws.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, January 29, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a joint resolution relative to an arrangement with the post master at Michigan, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Also to return the following entitled bills, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Greenfield ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847 ; and

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell to the township board of the township of Caledonia a certain piece of land.

I am further instructed to return the joint resolution relative to the public works of the state of Michigan, which the Senate have adopted with an amendment, in which amendment the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Greenfield ;

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847 ; and

The bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to

sell to the township board of the township of Caledonia a certain piece of land ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution relative to an arrangement with the post master at Michigan, was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means,

The Senate amendment to the joint resolution relative to the public works of the state of Michigan, was concurred in, and the joint resolution as amended ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Brighton, in the county of Livingston ;

The bill to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Greenfield, in the county of Wayne ;

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847 ; and

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell to the township board of the township of Caledonia a certain piece of land.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Resolved, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted for this evening to Rev. J. A. Baughman, agent of the American Bible Society for this state, for the purpose of a lecture, and the formation of a Bible Society auxiliary to the American Bible Society.

Mr. Young, by unanimous consent, previous notice not having been given, introduced joint resolutions relative to the existing war with Mexico, which were read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the following resolution, together with the substitute therefor, be taken from the table, viz :

Resolved, That this House approve of the principle of the Wilmot proviso.

Which motion prevailed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Smith,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Taylor,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	Terry,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	Vickery,
Clark,	Mack,	Voorheis,
Crouse,	McKinney,	Warren,
Dennis,	Mowry,	Williams,
Dodge,	Murray,	Worden,
Eldredge,	Patchen,	Speaker,
Emmons,	Pierce,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Powell,
Baldwin,	Howard,	Russell,
Bennett,	King,	Scott,
Brown,	Lane,	St. John,
Dimond,	M. B. Martin,	H. Stone,
Enos,	Morris,	Strong,
Ferris,	Mulhollen,	Turner,
Frazer,	Noyes,	Young,
Granger,	Patterson,	

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The question being on adopting the substitute for the resolution reported by the committee on the judiciary, which substitute is in the following words, viz:

Resolved, That whenever the government of the United States shall acquire any territory by conquest, cession or purchase, in which slavery does not by law exist at the time of such conquest, cession or purchase, it would be repugnant to the moral sense of this nation, and a violation of the clearest duty, for Congress to permit the institution of slavery, in any form, to be introduced therein.

Which substitute was adopted by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Pierce,
Barlow,	Howard,	Russell,
Bennett,	King,	Scott,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Brown,	Lane,	St. John,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	Strong,
Clark,	Mack,	Taylor,
Crouse,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,
Dennis,	McKinney,	Turner,
Dodge,	Morris,	Vickery,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Mulhollen,	Warren,

Enos,
Ferrie,
Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,

Murray,
Noyes,
Patchen,
Patterson,

Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,

Mr. Dimond,

Mr. Powell,

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On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The joint resolutions relative to the acquisition of new territory by the general government, were taken from the table.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that all after the resolving clause of the first and second resolutions be stricken out, and the following inserted :

“ That whenever the government of the United States shall acquire any territory by conquest, cession or purchase, in which slavery shall not by law exist at the time of such conquest, cession or purchase, it would be repugnant to the moral sense of this nation, and a violation of the clearest duty, for Congress to permit the institution of slavery, in any form, to be introduced therein.”

Which motion prevailed.

The joint resolutions as amended, were then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

Resolved, That this House will take no action on any bill for the incorporation of plank road companies, until after a general bill for that purpose shall have been submitted to the House ; and to this end the committee on banks and incorporations are hereby required to report such a bill with all convenient despatch.

Mr. Dodge gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to change the time for the collection of taxes in the counties of Chippewa, Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, and for other purposes.

Mr. Warren gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to improve the Pontiac and Grand River road.

Mr. Terry gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill for the improvement of the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb.

Mr. Murray, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the improvement of the Paw Paw river, which

was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Enos gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section twenty-one of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the duties of highway commissioners.

Mr. Emmons, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Michigan and Detroit plank road company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

The bill relative to costs of proceeding in criminal cases, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Emmons moved a reconsideration of the vote by which was adopted the resolution relative to the action of the House on bills incorporating plank road companies, offered this morning by Mr. Patterson, which motion prevailed, and

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill to revive in certain counties the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846, and to restore therein the distinction between township and county poor, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following communication was announced :

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, }
Michigan, January 31, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I herewith transmit the annual report of the board of state auditors for the year 1847.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

G. O. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

The communication and accompanying document were laid on the table.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the joint resolution relative to a claim of Alexander Titchworth, and the joint resolution authorizing the delivery of certain public documents to the several county clerks in this state ;

Which were severally ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill designating the places for holding the senatorial canvass in senatorial districts numbers four and five ; and

The joint resolution relative to a joint committee on the state prison , were severally ordered to a third reading.

The bill for the relief of the religious society of Friends, in the state of Michigan, being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The third line of section one was amended by striking out therefrom the word "tax."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill to amend chapter forty-one of the revised statutes, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Laid on the table.

The bill to amend chapter thirty-one of the revised statutes of 1846, was taken up, when

Mr. Terry moved to recommit the bill to the committee on state affairs, which motion was lost ; and

On motion of Mr. Murray,

The bill was referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

The House then took up the bill conveying to the state of Michigan a certain piece of land in the town of Michigan, together with the substitute therefor, and

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill and substitute were laid on the table.

The bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds, being the special order of the day, was taken up, when, by unanimous consent,

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The fourth line of the eighth section was amended by striking out therefrom the words "and six mills," and the fifth section was amended by striking off from the end thereof the words "state tax lands."

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The blank in the fifth line of section six was filled with the words "twenty-ninth."

The bill was then passed.

The following communication was announced :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan January 31, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to return herewith a bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments thereto with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill and amendments were laid on the table.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Terry in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

The joint resolution relative to the establishing of a mail route from Detroit to Michigan ; and

Also, reported back with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

The bill relative to costs of proceedings in criminal cases ; and

The bill to revive in certain counties the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846, and to restore therein the distinction between township and county poor.

The joint resolution relative to the establishing of a mail route from Detroit to Michigan, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments to the bill relative to costs of proceedings in criminal cases, were,

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

Concurred in, in gross ; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The first amendment to the bill to revive in certain counties the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846, and to restore therein the distinction between township and county poor, was non-concurred in.

Mr. Taylor moved to strike out the words "two-thirds" in the third line of section one, and insert "a majority of all the members elected."

Mr. Emmons moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word "majority" and inserting "two-thirds," which motion was lost.

The question then recurring on Mr. Taylor's motion, it was withdrawn by the mover.

Mr. Emmons moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table, which motion did not prevail.

The second amendment, which strikes out section three of the bill, was then concurred in by the House.

Mr. Emmons then moved an adjournment, but the House refused to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The further consideration of the bill and amendments were postponed until Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. McKinney,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, February 1, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Carver, Denton, Lawrence, W. R. Martin, Mathews, Palmer, Quackenboss, Spencer and H. H. Stone, were absent on leave, and Mr. Emmons was absent without leave.

Mr. Noyes asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Emmons for an indefinite time.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Burnett presented the petition of George Millard, and fifty other citizens of Washtenaw county, and also of Nelson H. Wing and seventy-eight others, of the same county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Dexter in the county of Washtenaw, to Michigan in the county of Ingham. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Campbell presented the petition of Orlando Moffat and ninety-three others for an appropriation on the state road leading from Battle Creek to Lansing. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of citizens of the township of Eagle in Clinton county, for the passage of a law authorizing Morris S. Allen and Robert Palmer to build a dam across Grand River in said township. Laid on the table.

Mr. Worden presented the petition of Joel Andrews, for the passage of a law empowering him to sell a certain piece of land. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to authorize the highway commissioners of the township of Plainfield in the county of Kent, to build a free bridge across Grand River.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, to whom were referred sundry petitions of citizens of the counties of Lapeer, Macomb, St. Clair and Oakland, for the formation

of a new county, to be called Almont, submitted a report on the subject,

Which was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The report was laid on the table, and two hundred extra copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported the following as correctly engrossed :

The bill relative to costs of proceedings in criminal cases ;

The bill for the relief of the religious society of Friends ;

The joint resolution relative to the acquisition of new territory by the general government ;

The joint resolution relative to the establishing of a mail route from Detroit to Michigan ;

The joint resolution authorizing the delivery of certain public documents to the several county clerks in this state ; and

The joint resolution relative to the settlement of the claim of Alexander Titchworth.

The following communication was announced :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, January 31, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to return the bill to authorize William H. Brown to build a dam across the Thornapple river, in the county of Kent, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein ; also

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan, which the Senate have passed with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to the bill to provide for the payment of the interest on the liquidated portion of the five million loan, being a substitute therefor, and that said bill has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to authorize William H. Brown to build a dam across the Thornapple river, in the county of Kent, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate amendments to the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan, were severally concurred in, and the bill as amended, was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, by unanimous consent, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to an arrangement with the post master of Michigan.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution and amendment were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The bill to organize certain townships in the counties of Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, was taken from table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Burnett offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be requested to examine into the expediency of inserting the word "astronomy" after "chemistry," in the ninth line of section twenty-three of chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The resolution was amended by striking out "the judiciary," and inserting "education."

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The Senate bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847, together with the amendment thereto, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Young gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend sections twenty and forty-six of chapter thirty of the revised statutes of 1846.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire whether there is any law authorizing the election of a second judge, when said office shall become vacant by resignation, death or removal, and report by bill or otherwise.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, January 31, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell to the township board of the township of Caledonia a certain piece of land ;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847 ;
also

An act to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Brighton, in the county of Livingston ; also

An act to extend the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Greenfield, in the county of Wayne.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

On motion of Mr. Young,

Resolved, That the committee on education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section twenty-two of chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled of primary schools, as not to restrict the raising of money in any school district for the purpose of building a school house therein.

Mr. Patterson offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, As the sense of this House, that the unappropriated balance of the five hundred thousand acres of land donated to this state for internal improvements by Congress, should be applied to the liquidation of the state debt already incurred for internal improvements.

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means of this House be

required to report a bill, with all convenient despatch, for the purpose of giving full force and effect to the principle embraced in the preceding resolution.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The resolutions were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The bill for the relief of the religious society of Friends, was read the third time, when

Mr. Lothrop moved to commit the bill to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to insert the word "tax" after "fine," in the third line of section one.

Mr. H. Stone moved to amend the instructions, by adding to the end of the first section the following :

"Provided, That said exemption shall apply only to such persons of said society as shall on or before the first day of May in each year, pay each to the treasurer of the township or city in which he shall reside, such sum as other persons in this state liable to military duty shall be annually taxed, or required to pay for military purposes or exemptions, which said sum shall be exclusively applied for the support of township libraries.

Pending which, Mr. Young moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which motion was lost, and

The question recurring on the motion to amend the instructions, it did not prevail.

Mr. Crouse moved to amend the instructions so as to have the words "except in times of invasion or public danger," inserted after "duty," in the second line of section one, which motion was decided in the negative.

Mr. Mulhollen moved to amend the instructions, so that the committee be instructed to strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill, which amendment was not agreed to.

The question then recurring on the original motion to commit with instructions to insert "tax," it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Blades,
Burnett,
Clark,
Dennis,

Mr. Kingsley,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,

Mr. Pierce,
Scott,
Smith,
Taylor,

Enos,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,	
Ferris,	McKinney,	Vickery,	
Frazer,	Murray,	Voorheis,	
Harris,	Noyes,	Williams,	
Hazen,	Patchen,	Worden,	
King,	Patterson,	Speaker,	30

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Powell,	
Baldwin,	Granger,	Russell,	
Bingham,	Hazard,	St. John,	
Brown,	Howard,	H. Stone,	
Campbell,	Lane,	Strong,	
Crouse,	Morris,	Turner,	
Dimond,	Mowry,	Warren,	
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Young,	24

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally read the third time and passed, viz :

The bill designating the places for holding the senatorial canvass in senatorial districts numbers four and five ;

The bill relative to costs of proceedings in criminal cases ;

The joint resolution relative to a joint committee on the state prison ;

The joint resolution relative to the establishing of a mail route from Detroit to Michigan ;

The joint resolution authorizing the delivery of certain public documents to the several county clerks of this state ; and

The joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Alexander Titchworth.

The joint resolution relative to the acquisition of new territory by the general government, was read the third time, when

Mr. Noyes moved to recommit it to the committee on federal relations with instructions to add the words "so long as the same shall remain a territory," at the end of the first resolution, which motion was lost by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Powell,
Baldwin,	Howard,	Russell,
Bingham,	Lane,	St. John,
Brown,	Morris,	H. Stone,
Dimond,	Mulhollen,	Strong,
Dodge,	Noyes,	Turner,
Ferris,	Patterson,	Young,
Frazer,	Pierce,	Speaker,
Granger,		

NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. King,	Mr. Scott,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	Taylor,
Clark,	Lothrop,	Terry,
Crouse,	Mack,	Vickery,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Voorheis,
Eldredge,	McKinney,	Warren,
Enos,	Mowry,	Williams,
Harris,	Murray,	Worden,
Hazen,	Patchen,	

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Mr. H. Stone, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the first resolution by adding thereto the words "before the same shall be admitted into the Union as a state or states.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The amendment was amended by substituting therefor the words "before such territory shall be fully invested with the rights of state sovereignty."

The joint resolution was then passed by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Pierce,
Barlow,	Hazen,	Powell,
Bingham,	Howard,	Russell,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Scott,
Brown,	Lane,	Smith,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	St. John,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Clark,	Mack,	Strong,
Crouse,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Dennis,	McKinney,	Terry,
Dodge,	Morris,	Turner,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Voorheis,
Enos,	Mulhollen,	Warren,
Ferris,	Murray,	Williams,
Frazer,	Noyes,	Worden,
Granger,	Patchen,	Young,
Harris,	Patterson,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Dimond,	2
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Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, by unanimous consent, reported back the bill for the relief of the religious society of Friends, amended in accordance with the instructions.

Mr. Mulhollen moved a call of the House, which was sustained, and,

On calling the roll, it was found that Messrs. Bennett, King and H. Stone, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The bill was then passed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Lane,	Mr. Patterson,
Blades,	Littlejohn,	Pierce,
Burnett,	Lothrop,	Scott,
Clark,	Mack,	Taylor,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,
Enos,	McKinney,	Vickery,
Frazer,	Morris,	Voorheis,
Harris,	Murray,	Williams,
Hazard,	Noyes,	Worden,
Hazen,	Patchen,	Speaker,
Kingsley,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Russell,
Baldwin,	Ferris,	Smith,
Bingham,	Granger,	St. John,
Brown,	Howard,	Strong,
Campbell,	Mowry,	Turner,
Crouse,	Mulhollen,	Warren,
Dimond,	Powell,	Young,
Dodge,		

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The question then being on the title of the bill,

Mr. Young moved to amend the same by striking out "relief," and inserting "special benefit," which amendment was rejected and the original title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The House adjourned till Thursday morning.

Thursday, February 3, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Carver, Mathews, Palmer and Quackenboss, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Baker, Pierce, Smith, Strong, Warren and Young, were absent without leave.

Mr. Eldredge asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Strong, for an indefinite period.

Mr. Campbell for Mr. Pierce, as above ;

Mr. Littlejohn for Mr. Smith, as above ;

Mr. Dimond for Mr. Baker, as above ;

Mr. Howard for Mr. Young, as above ;

Mr. Mowry for Mr. Warren, as above.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Mack, of Henry Miller and others, for reviving the garnishee laws of 1845, with amendments. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Barlow, of two hundred and sixteen inhabitants of Barry county, for the passage of the homestead exemption law. Same reference.

By Mr. Littlejohn, of one hundred and fifty inhabitants of Allegan county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Kalamazoo to the head of Black Lake, in Ottawa county, via Allegan. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Barlow, of inhabitants of Barry county, for an appropriation of internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road from Battle Creek to Hastings in Barry county. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Campbell, of J. D. Burns and seventy-six others, for an appropriation upon the state road leading from Battle Creek to Lansing. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Denton, of Josiah Yale, for the passage of a law authorizing the Commissioner of the Land Office to issue new certificates of purchase for certain school lands in the township of Pontiac. Referred to the committee on public lands.

Also, of H. L. Stevens and others, for an extension of the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Pontiac. Referred to the committee on ways and means.

Also, of James S. Allen, and of Isaac W. Ruggles, for the setting off of certain lands from the corporate limits of the village of Pontiac. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. H. Stone, of eighty-four citizens of the county of Monroe, for an extension of the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan. Same reference.

On calling the roll, it was found that Messrs. Bennett, King and H. Stone, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The bill was then passed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Lane,	Mr. Patterson,
Blades,	Littlejohn,	Pierce,
Burnett,	Lothrop,	Scott,
Clark,	Mack,	Taylor,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,
Enos,	McKinney,	Vickery,
Frazer,	Morris,	Voorheis,
Harris,	Murray,	Williams,
Hazard,	Noyes,	Worden,
Hazen,	Patchen,	Speaker,
Kingsley,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Russell,
Baldwin,	Ferris,	Smith,
Bingham,	Granger,	St. John,
Brown,	Howard,	Strong,
Campbell,	Mowry,	Turner,
Crouse,	Mulhollen,	Warren,
Dimond,	Powell,	Young,
Dodge,		

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The question then being on the title of the bill,

Mr. Young moved to amend the same by striking out "relief," and inserting "special benefit," which amendment was rejected and the original title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The House adjourned till Thursday morning.

Thursday, February 3, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Carver, Mathews, Palmer and Quackenboss, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Baker, Pierce, Smith, Strong, Warren and Young, were absent without leave.

Mr. Eldredge asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Strong, for an indefinite period.

Mr. Campbell for Mr. Pierce, as above ;

Mr. Littlejohn for Mr. Smith, as above ;

Mr. Dimond for Mr. Baker, as above ;

Mr. Howard for Mr. Young, as above ;

Mr. Mowry for Mr. Warren, as above.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Mack, of Henry Miller and others, for reviving the garnishee laws of 1845, with amendments. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Barlow, of two hundred and sixteen inhabitants of Barry county, for the passage of the homestead exemption law. Same reference.

By Mr. Littlejohn, of one hundred and fifty inhabitants of Allegan county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Kalamazoo to the head of Black Lake, in Ottawa county, via Allegan. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Barlow, of inhabitants of Barry county, for an appropriation of internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road from Battle Creek to Hastings in Barry county. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Campbell, of J. D. Burns and seventy-six others, for an appropriation upon the state road leading from Battle Creek to Lansing. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Denton, of Josiah Yale, for the passage of a law authorizing the Commissioner of the Land Office to issue new certificates of purchase for certain school lands in the township of Pontiac. Referred to the committee on public lands.

Also, of H. L. Stevens and others, for an extension of the time for the collection and return of taxes in the township of Pontiac. Referred to the committee on ways and means.

Also, of James S. Allen, and of Isaac W. Ruggles, for the setting off of certain lands from the corporate limits of the village of Pontiac. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. H. Stone, of eighty-four citizens of the county of Monroe, for an extension of the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan. Same reference.

By Mr. Hazard, of citizens of Ingham county, and also of citizens living on the Grand River road for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road on the line of the Grand River road. Same reference.

By Mr. Worden, of Cyrus Lovell and twenty others, residents of the township of Ionia, for an extension of the limits of said township. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

By Mr. Harris, of George Irish and fifteen others, praying that town nine north, of thirteen west, may be set off from the township of Wright, in the county of Ottawa, and organized into a separate township. Same reference.

By Mr. Taylor, of Philo Beers, and one hundred and forty others, inhabitants of the counties of Kent and Ionia, for the laying out of a state road from Lincoln's mills, in the county of Montcalm, to Grand Rapids in the county of Kent. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Emmons, of one hundred and seven inhabitants of Hamtramck, for a division of said township. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Also, three petitions for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Detroit to Michigan. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Also, two petitions of citizens of Detroit, for an extension of the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan. Same reference.

By Mr. Scott, of citizens of the townships of Olive and Dewitt, in the county of Clinton, asking an amendment to the act to amend an act entitled an act to improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, and also remonstrating against the appropriation of certain moneys on said Pontiac and Grand River road. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Dimond, of Theodore Bathy and one hundred and fifty-four others, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road on a portion of the Fort Gratiot turnpike, in the county of St. Clair. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By. Mr. Crouse, of E. G. Gale, and eighty-two others, of Genesee

county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a rail road from Pontiac to Flint, on the most feasible route. Same reference.

By Mr. W. R. Martin, of James Douglass, and others, for the incorporation of the Olivet institute. Same reference.

Also, of Ebenezer Sandy, and one hundred and fifty others, relative to the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Campbell, of Silas E. Millett and fifty-two others, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Battle Creek to Lansing. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Noyes, three petitions of citizens of the county of Wayne, for the passage of a general law authorizing the construction of plank roads. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Spencer, of Charles Moore and eighty-nine others, citizens of the county of Washtenaw, for a law authorizing proceedings against garnishees, in all cases on judgment or contract. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Also, the petition of Gen. Ephraim Towner, for the repeal of the law providing for the collection of a military tax. Read and laid on the table.

By the Speaker, of O. M. Hyde, for the passage of a law making certain amendments to the charter of the Detroit floating dock, dry dock and marine railway company. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills and joint resolution were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to authorize William H. Brown to build a dam across the Thornapple river in the county of Kent ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony, and other immigrants now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan ; and

The joint resolution relative to the public works of the state of Michigan.

Friday, February 4, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Baker, Carver, Mathews, Pierce, Quackenboss, Smith, Strong, Warren and Young were absent on leave, and Messrs. Brown, Campbell and Noyes were absent without leave.

Mr. Eldredge asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Brown for an indefinite time.

Mr. Littlejohn for Mr. Campbell, as above.

Mr. Bingham for Mr. Noyes, as above.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Harria, of H. P. Gale, and other members of the bar, of Kent county, asking the abolition of the county court, and increase of the circuits. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Burnett, of Samuel B. Munroe, for relief on account of damages sustained upon the Central rail road. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Murray, of Lucien Heath and sixty-two others, citizens of Berrien county, for an appropriation of internal improvement lands, for the improvement of the navigation of the Paw Paw river. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Baldwin, the remonstrance of H. C. Thurber, and one hundred and seven other citizens of the village of Pontiac, against any alteration of the chartered limits of said village. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Clark, of William W. Jackson and sixteen others, for the passage of a law to prevent seine fishing in the townships of Rollin, Woodstock and Cambridge, in Lenawee county. Referred to the committee on harbors.

By Mr. H. Stone, of the rector of the church of St. Anne, of Detroit, for an alteration of certain laws relative to the sale of certain property. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Worden, of Ezra Billings, for relief. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Emmons, the claim of Patrick Kilfoil. Same reference.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported

back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to change the time for the collection of taxes in the counties of Chipewa, Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, and for other purposes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution to authorize the board of state auditors to settle certain claims.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Woodstock manual labor institute ;

Which bill was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lothrop, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Hazen offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish each member of this House with a copy of the revised statutes of 1838.

Mr. Lothrop moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after and including the word "furnish," and insert "divide the state library among the members of this legislature."

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

The resolution and amendment were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Resolved, That the committee on supplies and expenditures be requested, with all convenient despatch, to ascertain, and if possible, to remove the obstructions to the proper draft of smoke by the pipes and chimneys connected with the stoves of this hall.

Mr. Emmons, by unanimous consent, previous notice not having been given, introduced a bill to amend chapter thirty of the revised statutes, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Eldredge, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend section nineteen of chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the revised statutes of 1846, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the state prison.

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

The following resolutions were taken from the table :

Resolved, As the sense of this House, that the unappropriated balance of the five hundred thousand acres of land donated to this state for internal improvements by Congress, should be applied to the liquidation of the state debt already incurred for internal improvements.

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means of this House be required to report a bill with all convenient despatch, for the purpose of giving full force and effect to the principle embraced in the preceding resolution.

Mr. H. Stone moved to amend the first resolution by striking out all after the word "Congress," and inserting "an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand acres should be appropriated at the present session of this legislature for the purposes specified in the grant thereof."

Mr. Powell moved to lay the resolutions and amendment on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting the following : "As the sense of this House, that of the unappropriated balance of the five hundred thousand acres of land donated to this state for internal improvements by Congress, such appropriation should be made by the present legislature for the purpose of making judicious improvements within the range of objects specified in the grant thereof as would be just and equitable to the various sections of the state."

Mr. Eldredge moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which motion was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Burnett,
Denton,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Granger,
Hazen,
Howard,

Mr. King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Mack,
McKinney,
Palmer,
Patchen,

Mr. Powell,
Scott,
Spencer,
H. H. Stone,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorhies,

NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Murray,
Barlow,	Harris,	Patterson,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Russell,
Bingham,	Littlejohn,	St. John,
Blades,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Dennis,	Morris,	Williams,
Dimond,	Mowry,	Worden,
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Speaker,
Enos,		

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Mr. Emmons moved an adjournment, but the House refused to adjourn by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Palmer,
Burnett,	Howard,	Patchen,
Denton,	King,	Powell,
Eldredge,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Emmons,	Lawrence,	Scott,
Enos,	Lothrop,	Spencer,
Ferris,	Mack,	H. H. Stone,
Frazer,	Morris,	Turner,
Granger,	Mulhollen,	Voorhies,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Patterson,
Barlow,	Hazard,	St. John,
Benrett,	Lane,	H. Stone,
Blades,	Littlejohn,	Taylor,
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Vickery,
Dennis,	McKinney,	Williams,
Dimond,	Mowry,	Worden,
Dodge,	Murray,	Speaker,

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Mr. Emmons moved to lay the resolution and amendment on the table, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Howard,	Mr. Patchen,
Burnett,	King,	Powell,
Clark,	Kingsley,	Scott,
Denton,	Lane,	Spencer,
Eldredge,	Lawrence,	H. H. Stone,
Emmons,	Mack,	Turner,
Ferris,	McKinney,	Vickery,
Granger,	Mulhollen,	Voorhies,
Hazen,	Palmer,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Enos,
Frazer,

Mr. Harris,
Hazard,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,

Mr. Patterson,
Russell,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Williams,
Worden,
Speaker,

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Mr. Terry moved the previous question, which was not demanded by a majority.

Mr. Emmons moved that the House adjourn, which motion prevailed by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Clark,
Denton,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,
Hazen,

Mr. Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Lothrop,
Mack,
Morris,
Mulhollen,
Palmer,
Patchen,

Mr. Patterson,
Powell,
Scott,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. H. Stone,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Enos,

Mr. Harris,
Hazard,
Littlejohn,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
McKinney,
Mowry,

Mr. Murray,
Russell,
H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Williams,
Worden,

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And the House adjourned.

Saturday, February 5, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Baker, Brown, Campbell, Carver,

Mathews, Noyes, Pierce, Quackenboss, Smith, Strong, Warren, and Young were absent on leave, and Messrs. Crouse and Scott, were absent without leave.

Mr. Murray asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Scott for the day..

Mr. Hazard for Mr. Crouse for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Mr. Lane presented the petition of A. B. Rawles, and others, and the petition of J. Shook and others, of Macomb county, asking the extension of the jurisdiction of county courts. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Speaker presented two petitions of the citizens of this state asking the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Detroit to Michigan. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts in certain counties ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported a bill to provide for the laying out and establishing of a certain state road ;

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported back without action, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, the bill to organize the county of Almont.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported back without amendment and recommended their passage, the Senate bill to provide for recording the evidences of the approval by the general government of the selections of lands made by this state, under acts of Congress and for other purposes ; and

The Senate joint resolution relative to the subdivision of section sixteen, in township eight south, of range fourteen west.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill

and joint resolution were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was read, accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of J. Goucher and others, "praying the legislature to give them a lot of land on which to erect a school house," have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to make the following report :

That, so far as the committee have been enabled to learn, there is no regularly organized school district in the town of Michigan, where said petitioners reside, and therefore no properly authorized individuals or corporate body to receive such lot, were the legislature disposed to make such grant asked for by the petitioners.

The committee, therefore, report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of that subject.

Mr. H. H. Stone, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to revive in certain counties the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846, and to restore therein the distinction between township and county poor.

The following message was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, February 3, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to authorize William H. Brown to build a dam across the Thornapple river in the county of Kent ; also

An act appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony now settling in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan ; also

A joint resolution relative to the public works of the state of Michigan.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 4, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to return herewith the bill to authorize Joel Rathbone to convey certain lands, which the Senate have passed, with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate amendment to the bill to authorize Joel Rathbone to convey certain lands, was concurred in, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 5, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne to levy a tax of nine thousand dollars to pay for a county jail recently erected in and for said county ; and

A bill for requiring compensation for death caused by wrongful act, neglect or default, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am also instructed to return a joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of Alexander Titchworth ; and

A joint resolution relative to a distribution of the laws, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Alexander Titchworth ; and

The joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

and joint resolution were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was read, accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of J. Goucher and others, "praying the legislature to give them a lot of land on which to erect a school house," have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to make the following report :

That, so far as the committee have been enabled to learn, there is no regularly organized school district in the town of Michigan, where said petitioners reside, and therefore no properly authorized individuals or corporate body to receive such lot, were the legislature disposed to make such grant asked for by the petitioners.

The committee, therefore, report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of that subject.

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Secretary of the Senate.

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Michigan, February 5, 1848. }

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A bill for requiring compensation for death caused by wrongful act, neglect or default, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

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A joint resolution relative to a distribution of the laws, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Alexander Titchworth ; and

The joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne to levy a tax of nine thousand dollars to pay for a county jail recently erected in and for said county; and

The Senate bill for requiring compensation for death caused by wrongful act, neglect or default;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Vickery, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the erection, repairing and preservation of bridges, which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Mack, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution in relation to the claim of John L. Smith, Hosea B. Richardson and Samuel Richardson, which was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Dimond gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to bring in a bill to lay out a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to some point in the northern part of the county of Lapeer.

On motion of Mr. Russell,

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the equalization of the state tax among the several counties of this state, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. H. Stone gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter eighty-eight of the revised statutes.

Mr. Emmons, by unanimous consent, previous notice not having been given, introduced a bill to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The joint resolution to authorize the board of state auditors to settle certain claims, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to revive in certain counties the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846, and to restore therein the distinction between county and township poor, was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Palmer,
Bennett,	Granger,	Patterson,
Bingham,	Hazen,	Powell,
Blades,	Howard,	Russell,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	St. John,
Dennis,	Mack,	H. H. Stone,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Taylor,
Dimond,	McKinney,	Turner,
Dodge,	Morris,	Vickery,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Williams,
Enos,	Mulhollen,	Worden,
Ferris,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Kingsley,	Mr. Spencer,
Clark,	Lawrence,	H. Stone,
Emmons,	Lothrop,	Terry,
Harris,	M. B. Martin,	Voorheis,
Hazard,	Patchen,	Speaker,
King,		

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On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The last vote was reconsidered, and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Mack, from the committee on ways and means, by unanimous consent, reported a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The twenty-first rule was suspended, and the engrossment having been dispensed with, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Terry, by unanimous consent, presented the petition of John Cannon, relative to certain saline lands in Macomb county, which was referred to the committee on public lands.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the Senate bill to amend the revised statutes of 1946, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof approved March 17, 1847, together with the House amendments thereto, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill and amendments were recommitted to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The Senate bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne to levy a tax of nine thousand dollars to pay for a county jail recently erected in and for said county ; and

The Senate bill for requiring compensation for death caused by wrongful act, neglect or default ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Vickery, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the erection, repairing and preservation of bridges, which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Mack, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution in relation to the claim of John L. Smith, Hosea B. Richardson and Samuel Richardson, which was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Dimond gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to bring in a bill to lay out a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to some point in the northern part of the county of Lapeer.

On motion of Mr. Russell,

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the equalization of the state tax among the several counties of this state, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. H. Stone gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter eighty-eight of the revised statutes.

Mr. Emmons, by unanimous consent, previous notice not having been given, introduced a bill to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The joint resolution to authorize the board of state auditors to settle certain claims, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to revive in certain counties the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846, and to restore therein the distinction between county and township poor, was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Blades,
Burnett,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Enos,
Ferris,

Mr. Frazer,
Granger,
Hazen,
Howard,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
W. R. Martin,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Palmer,
Patterson,
Powell,
Russell,
St. John,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Turner,
Vickery,
Williams,
Worden,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Clark,
Emmons,
Harris,
Hazard,
King,

Mr. Kingsley,
Lawrence,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
Patchen,

Mr. Spencer,
H. Stone,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The last vote was reconsidered, and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Mack, from the committee on ways and means, by unanimous consent, reported a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The twenty-first rule was suspended, and the engrossment having been dispensed with, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Terry, by unanimous consent, presented the petition of John Cannon, relative to certain saline lands in Macomb county, which was referred to the committee on public lands.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the Senate bill to amend the revised statutes of 1946, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof approved March 17, 1847, together with the House amendments thereto, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill and amendments were recommitted to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Laid on the table.

The bill authorizing John A. Brooks to build a dam across the Muskegon river in the county of Newaygo, was taken up, and the amendments made in committee of the whole were concurred in, in gross.

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

The second line of section five was amended by inserting after "flow" the words "or otherwise injure."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill to organize certain townships in the counties of Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, were concurred in, in gross, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill was laid on the table.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the joint resolution relative to an arrangement with the post master at Michigan, were severally concurred in, the amendments ordered to be engrossed and the joint resolution ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Leave was granted to the committee of the whole to sit again on the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of constructing a bridge across the Muskegon river, in the county of Newaygo, and for laying out, establishing and improving a road from Newaygo, in the county of Newaygo, to Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent.

The House then took up the following resolutions:

Resolved, As the sense of this House, that the unappropriated balance of the five hundred thousand acres of land donated to this state for internal improvements by Congress, should be applied to the liquidation of the state debt already incurred for internal improvements.

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means of this House be required to report a bill with all convenient despatch, for the purpose of giving full force and effect to the principle embraced in the preceding resolution.

And the question being on the motion yesterday made by Mr. H. Stone, to amend the first resolution, by striking out all after the word "Congress" and inserting "an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand acres should be appropriated at the present session of this legislature for the purposes specified in the grant thereof," it was withdrawn by the mover.

The question then recurred on the motion yesterday made by Mr. Littlejohn, to amend the first resolution by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting the following :

"As the sense of this House, that of the unappropriated balance of the five hundred thousand acres of land donated to this state for internal improvements by Congress, such appropriations should be made by the present legislature, for the purpose of making judicious improvements within the range of objects specified in the grant thereof, as would be just and equitable to the various sections of the state."

When, Mr. Mack moved the indefinite postponement of the further consideration of the whole subject, and

Mr. Littlejohn withdrew his amendment.

The further consideration of the resolutions was then indefinitely postponed, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Murray,	
Bingham,	Hazard,	Palmer,	
Barlow,	Howard,	Patchen,	
Blades,	Kingsley,	Russell,	
Burnett,	Lane,	Scott,	
Denton,	Littlejohn,	H. H. Stone,	
Dimond,	Lothrop,	Taylor,	
Dodge,	Mack,	Terry,	
Eldredge,	M. B. Martin,	Turner,	
Emmons,	W. R. Martin,	Vickery,	
Ferris,	McKinney,	Voorheis,	
Frazer,	Morris,	Worden,	
Granger,	Mowry,	Speaker,	39

NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. Spencer,	
Clark,	Mulhollen,	St. John,	
Dennis,	Patterson,	H. Stone,	
Hazen,	Powell,	Williams,	
King,			13

Mr. H. H. Stone, from the committee on engrossment and enroll-

ment, reported that the bill to authorize Joel Rathbone to convey certain lands, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 5, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed to return herewith the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

And the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Pontiac in the county of Oakland, was ordered to be enrolled.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Lawrence in the chair, and

After spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to amend section twenty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highways and bridges, together with a substitute therefor, and

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior mining and fishing company, approved March 31, 1840.

Mr. Emmons, by unanimous consent, gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill relative to the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, of the city of Detroit.

On motion of Mr. Bennett,

The House adjourned.

Monday, February 7, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Baker, Brown, Campbell, Carver, Crouse,

Mathews, Noyes, Pierce, Quackenboss, Smith, Strong, Warren and Young were absent on leave, and Messrs. Hazen, Scott and St. John were absent without leave.

Mr. Lane asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. St. John for an indefinite period.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Worden, of A. L. Roof and seventy others, for an appropriation of a portion of the internal improvement lands for the improvement of Grand River from Lyons to the town of Michigan. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Williams, of Henry Waldron and thirty-five others, for an extension of the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Dimond, of Darius Cole and two hundred and forty-nine others, for the organization of a new county from the counties of Sanilac and St. Clair. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

By Mr. Harris, of A. C. Van Raalte and two hundred others, for attaching the township of Holland to the township of Ottawa, in the county of Ottawa. Same reference.

By Mr. Littlejohn, of certain inhabitants of Otsego, in the county of Allegan, asking for the repeal of the license law of 1845. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Also, the claims of Messrs. Warren, Smith and Seymour, as witnesses in the matter of the contested seat between Messrs. Harvie and Dodge. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. H. Stone, the memorial of the common council of the city of Monroe, relative to an amendment to the charter of said city. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back with amendments, and recommended its passage, the joint resolution in relation to the claim of John L. Smith, Hosea B. Richardson and Samuel Richardson.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The joint resolution and amendments were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back with amendments, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill for requiring compensation for death caused by wrongful act, neglect or default.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill and amendments referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, made the following reports, which were accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subjects :

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on public lands be, and they are hereby instructed to take into consideration the expediency of charging the money used by order of the commissioner of public lands, to lay out the town of Michigan, and to open the streets thereof, (as per report of said officer,) to the state building fund, and credit the same to the primary school interest fund, from whence it was taken, and that said committee report to this House by bill or otherwise :

Have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to make the following report :

That, though the expenditure alluded to in the resolution was wholly without authority of law, and the committee are of the opinion that said money ought to be refunded to the primary school interest fund, yet they are of the opinion that it cannot be charged to the state building fund, without a manifest breach of faith to the general government, by whom the lands for state building purposes were donated to the state, for a specific purpose, and it is no more just to appropriate funds which are derived from the sale of state building lands for the purpose of internal improvement, than it is those funds which are derived from the sale of primary school lands ; both would be equally unauthorized and unjust.

The committee are therefore of the opinion, that it would be inexpedient to charge over the said money to the state building fund.

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of John Southard and others, "asking for the establishment of an office at Pontiac for the reception of moneys due the state for school lands,"

have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to make the following report :

That, though the establishment of such an office would, to a good degree benefit the purchasers of school lands in the north eastern portions of the state, yet the committee are of the opinion that the expense of such an office, which would be taken from the primary school interest fund, would work greater injury to that fund than the benefit which might be derived from the establishment of such an office, inasmuch as such office would not add in any way to said fund, but would constantly diminish it the amount of its expenses.

Your committee therefore, report adverse to the prayer of the said petition, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of that subject.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back the Senate bill to authorize the board of county auditors of the county of Wayne to levy a tax of nine thousand dollars to pay for the county jail recently erected in and for said county, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill and substitute referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Lothrop, from the select committee, appointed for that purpose, reported a bill to provide for the more equal distribution of the annual reports of the several state officers among the members and officers of the legislature ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 5, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to herewith transmit a bill to amend and add to the act approved January 25th, 1848, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act relative to ward elections in the city of Detroit, and for other purposes, approved March 27th, 1839 ; and

A bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties in this state, which the

Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am further instructed to return the joint resolution relative to the establishing of a mail route from Detroit to Michigan, which the Senate have passed with an amendment, in which amendment the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to amend and add to the act approved January 25th, 1848, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act relative to ward elections in the city of Detroit and for other purposes, approved March 27th, 1839, was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The first line of section five was stricken out, and the following inserted, viz:

"The first election in said seventh ward shall be held at the house of John Reno, in said seventh ward, on the first Monday of March next, and," and the word "said" was inserted before "John Reno" in the fourth line of said section.

The bill was then ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The twenty-first rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time and passed.

The Senate bill to provide for the establishment of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties in this state, was read twice and referred to the committee on education.

The Senate amendment to the joint resolution relative to the establishing of a mail route from Detroit to Michigan, was concurred in, and the joint resolution ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to incorporate the Wodstock manual labor institute, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, February 5, 1849. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to authorize Joel Rathbone to sell certain lands.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

Mr. Spencer offered the following resolution, which was read, and under the rules, lays on the table at least one day, viz:

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That this legislature will adjourn sine die on the first day of March next.

Mr. Enos offered the following resolution which was not adopted :

Resolved, That from and after this day there shall be two daily sessions of this House, the morning session to commence at nine o'clock A. M., and the afternoon session at two P. M.

Mr. Mack gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a joint resolution in relation to the claim of Diodate Hubbard.

Mr. Vickery, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate and establish the bank of in the county of Kalamazoo, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. W. R. Martin, pursuant to previous notice asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvements.

Mr. Eldredge gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to lay out a state road from Port Huron, in St. Clair county, to Almont, in Lapeer county, and to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of laying out and constructing said road.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

Resolved, That the committee on elections be instructed to inquire what person, or persons, if any, now holding a seat or seats in this House, was or were, at the time of his or their election, by the consti-

tution of this state, ineligible to a seat in this House, and that they report to this House with all convenient dispatch.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to amend chapter forty-one of the revised statutes, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The bill was amended by striking out all of section one after the enacting clause, and inserting the following, viz :

"That section twenty-six of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes be and hereby is amended by inserting next after the word "village," in the third line thereof, the following: "except the cities of Detroit and Monroe and the village of Grand Rapids."

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. McKinney,

Resolved, That the Auditor General be requested to furnish to this House, at his earliest convenience, an estimate of the annual expenses accruing in his office, consequent upon the return of non-resident delinquent taxes to said office, including in the items blanks, blank books, and other stationery, clerk hire, general and special agents, postage, and all other necessary expenditures thereto belonging.

Mr. Terry, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the improvement of the Clinton river in the county of Macomb, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. H. Stone, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend chapters eighty-eight and eighty-nine of the revised statutes relative to courts, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Enos, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend section twenty-one of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the duties of highway commissioners, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. W. R. Martin, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend section three of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Dodge,

The bill to organize certain townships in the counties of Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon was taken from the table, and the same being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Section thirteen was amended by striking out the word "third" and inserting "first," in the second line, and by striking out all of the section after the word "designate," in the second line.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following was added to the bill to stand as section fourteen, viz:

"This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Emmons, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to continue the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Emmons, by unanimous consent, presented the memorial of the stockholders of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan, asking an extension of their charter, which memorial was read and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. H. H. Stone, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following entitled bill and joint resolutions were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland ;

The joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Alexander Titchworth ; and

The joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws.

Also, reported the following as correctly engrossed, viz :

The bill authorizing John A. Brooks to build a dam across the Menegon river, in the county of Newaygo ; and

The House amendments to the Senate joint resolution relative to an arrangement with the post master at Michigan.

Mr. Emmons offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on agriculture and manufactures be

instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section eighty-four of chapter thirty of the revised statutes of 1846, as not to require staves to be split with the grain of the wood.

Mr. Lane moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion did not prevail, and

On motion of Mr. Powell,

It was amended by striking out the words "agriculture and manufactures" and inserting "state affairs," and

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

The bill authorizing John A. Brooks to build a dam across the Muskegon river, in the county of Newaygo; and

The joint resolution relative to an arrangement with the post master at Michigan;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to amend chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highways and bridges, together with the substitute therefor; and

The question being on concurring in the amendment made in committee of the whole, striking all out of the substitute after the enacting clause.

Pending which,

Mr. Eldredge moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Burnett moved that the further consideration of the bill and substitute be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following proviso was added to the substitute, viz :

"Provided, that in all cases when judgment shall be recovered against any such overseer under the provision of this section, such overseer shall not be further liable to an action for the penalty incurred by such neglect or refusal."

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The fourth and fifth lines of the substitute were amended by striking out therefrom the words "and cause the said work to be done for the full number of days required by his warrant."

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The sixth line was amended by inserting "or commuted therefor," after the word "done."

On motion of Mr. Powell,

The words "seventy-five" before "cents" in the sixth line, were stricken out, and "sixty-two and a half" inserted.

The question then recurring on concurring in the amendment striking out all after the enacting clause in the substitute, it was not concurred in.

The substitute was then adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House then took up the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31, 1840; and

The question being on concurring in the amendments made in committee of the whole, they were concurred in, in gross.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill was then laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of constructing a bridge across the Muskegon river, in the county of Nawaygo, and for laying out, establishing and improving a road from Nawaygo, in the county of Nawaygo, to Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent, Mr. Emmons in the chair.

After spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported the bill back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The amendments were concurred in, in gross.

Mr. Scott moved to amend the third line of section nine by striking out therefrom the words "three dollars" and inserting "one dollar and fifty cents."

And a division being called for, the question was first taken on striking out, and prevailed.

Mr. Worden then moved to fill the blank by inserting "two dollars and seventy-five cents," which motion was lost.

Mr. Taylor moved to insert "two dollars and fifty cents," which motion was disagreed to.

On motion of Mr. Voorheis,

The blank was filled with the words "two dollars."

Mr. Spencer moved to strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The fourth section was amended by inserting "but said commissioner shall not make any selections in less parcels than eighty acres in any one place," after the word "appropriated" in the second line.

Mr. H. Stone moved to strike out the second, third and fourth lines of section one, and all of the first line of section two, to and including the word "above," which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. McKinney,

The ninth section was amended by striking out all after the word "appropriations" in the fifth line, and by inserting "and shall render to the Auditor General an account of all services by him thus rendered, verified by his oath," after the word "state," in the second line, and also by adding after the word "appropriations" in the fifth line the words following: "upon the warrant of the said Auditor General, drawn up on the Commissioner of the Land Office."

The question then recurring on the motion to strike out all after the enacting clause, it was decided in the negative by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,
Burnett,
Denton,
Hazen,
King,

Mr. Lawrence,
Mulhollen,
Powell,
Russell,

Mr. Spencer,
H. Stone,
Turner,
Williams,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Dennis,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,

Mr. Hazard,
Howard,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,

Mr. Murray,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Patterson,
Scott,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Vickery,
Voorhies,
Worden,
Speaker,

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The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Scott, by unanimous consent, presented a petition of citizens of Ionia and Clinton counties, asking that towns nine and ten north, of range one west, may be attached to the township of Duplain, in Clinton county. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Scott also presented the petition of citizens of Clinton county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Michigan to the forks of Bad river, in Saginaw county. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Terry,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, February 8, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Baker, Brown, Carver, Crouse, Noyes, Quackenboss, Smith, St. John, Strong, Warren and Young, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Bingham and Mowry were absent without leave.

Mr. Palmer asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Bingham, for an indefinite period.

Mr. Turner for Mr. McKinney for an indefinite period, after to-day.

Mr. Lothrop for Mr. Vickery as above.

Mr. Denton for Mr. Mowry for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Eldredge, of S. D. McKeen, and seventy-five other citizens of St. Clair and Lapeer counties, for the organization of a new county.

Also, of O. P. Stowbridge and eighty-eight other citizens of St. Clair and Lapeer counties, for the same thing; which petitions were laid on the table.

By Mr. Terry, the claims of Richard Lawton, on account of loss on state warrants. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Worden, of Josiah Russell and twenty-four others praying for an act to lay out a state road from Ethan Satterlee's, in the county of

Montcalm, to Grand Rapids. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Littlejohn, of eighty inhabitants of Allegan county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Kalamazoo to the head of Black Lake in Ottawa county, by way of Otsego and Allegan. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

- By Mr. Emmons, of inhabitants of this state for an amendment of the constitution so as to enable colored persons to vote. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Emmons, the remonstrance of one hundred and eight citizens of the township of Hamtramck, in Wayne county, against a division of said township. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

By Mr. Kingsley, of citizens of this state for an extension of the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Emmons, fifteen petitions of citizens of various portions of this state, for an extension of the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan. Same reference.

By Mr. Hazard, seven petitions of citizens of this state, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Detroit to Michigan. Same reference.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill to lay out a certain state road from Almont to Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, and for appropriating certain internal improvement lands for establishing, laying out, and improving the same, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back the bill to amend section seventy-one of chapter twenty of the revised statutes, together with a substitute therefor, entitled a bill directing the publication of a statement of lands to be sold in Clinton county in 1848.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill and substitute laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the claim of W. B. Sherwood, for publishing senatorial canvass in the sixth senatorial district, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on ways and means with instructions to embody the same in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the claim referred to the committee on ways and means, with the instructions recommended.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back the petition of Ezra Billings, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers from the files of the House.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and leave was granted to the petitioner to withdraw his papers.

Mr. Harris, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. R. Martin, by unanimous consent, presented the petition of C. C. Chatfield, and fifty others, for an appropriation of internal improvement lands, for the improvement of a certain road. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, February 7, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

A joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws;

A joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Alexander Titchworth; and

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Pontiac in the county of Oakland.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The following communication was announced from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 8, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return herewith the concurrent resolution fixing the time for the election of a State Treasurer, which the Senate have adopted, with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, joint resolution authorizing the delivery of certain public documents to the several county clerks in this state, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the amendment of the House to the bill to amend and add to the act approved January 25, 1848, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act relative to ward elections in the city of Detroit and for other purposes, approved March 27, 1839, and that said bill as amended has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution authorizing the delivery of certain public documents to the several county clerks in this state, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution fixing the time for the election of a State Treasurer, which amendment fixes the time for the election on Wednesday, the sixteenth instant, was concurred in by the House.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill to organize the county of Almont, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31, 1840, was taken from the table, and the same being before the House,

Mr. Lothrop moved to amend the sixth section, by adding thereto the following : " and any investment of any portion of the nett profits of said company, in the business of said company, shall be considered as so much capital paid in, and shall be returned to the State Treasurer accordingly."

Which amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The second line of section ten was amended by striking out the words "office of said company," and inserting business office of said company, within the territorial limits of the state of Michigan."

Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend the second line of section four by inserting the words "one of whom shall at all times be a resident of the state of Michigan, and," after "directors," which motion prevailed.

Mr. Morris moved to recommit the bill to the committee on banks and incorporations, which motion was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill was then recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations, with instructions to restore certain portions of the printed bill.

Mr. Baldwin gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Saginaw road.

Mr. Mack, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to the adjustment of the claim of Diodate Hubbard, which was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. McKinney, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained

leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The joint resolution fixing the day of adjournment, was taken from the table.

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the resolution by adding the words "at noon," at the end thereof, which motion prevailed.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,
Burnett,
Clark,
Dimond,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Ferris,
Granger,
Hazard,

Mr. Hazen,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Patchen,
Patterson,
Russell,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Terry,
Turner,
Vickery,
Williams,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Campbell,
Denton,
Dodge,
Harris,

Mr. Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Littlejohn,
W. R. Martin,
Murray,

Mr. Palmer,
Scott,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Worden,
Speaker,

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Mr. Mathews offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on the militia be instructed to report back to the House, forthwith, the bill to repeal the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state.

Mr. Powell moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which motion was lost, and

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Littlejohn gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the North Western mining company, of Detroit.

The following message was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, February 8, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

Transmitted herewith, for the use of both Houses, are sundry resolutions of the General Assembly of the state of Alabama, relative to Mr. Whitney's plan of constructing a rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The communication and accompanying documents were referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Turner gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill appropriating five thousand acres of internal improvement land for the improvement of a certain road in the counties of Cass and Berrien.

Mr. Terry gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes of 1846.

Mr. Mulhollen, gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the payment of witnesses in criminal cases.

Mr. Terry, from the committee on the judiciary, by unanimous consent, reported a bill to authorize Joel Andrews to convey certain real estate ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The bill to revive in certain counties the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846, and to restore therein the distinction between township and county poor, was taken from the table, and

The question being on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Dennis,
Eldredge,
Enos,
Granger,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
W. R. Martin,

Mr. McKinney,
Morris,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Patchen,
Pierce,
Powell,

Mr. Russell,
Scott,
Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Burnett,
Denton,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Harris,

Mr. Hazard,
Hazen,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lawrence,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,

Mr. Mathews,
Palmer,
Patterson,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Williams,
Speaker,

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Mr. H. H. Stone, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following entitled bills were correctly engrossed :

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of constructing a bridge across the Muskegon river, in the county of Newaygo, and for laying out, establishing and improving a road from Newaygo, in the county of Newaygo, to Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent ;

The bill to organize certain townships in the counties of Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon ; and

The bill to amend section twenty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highways and bridges.

Mr. Lawrence offered the following resolution, which was not adopted :

Resolved, That the committee on state affairs be instructed to inquire by what authority James L. Glen holds and exercises the office of acting commissioner to locate the capitol, &c., and report to this House.

Mr. Terry gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter eighty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846.

The bill to organize certain townships in the counties of Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon ; and

The bill to amend chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highways and bridges ;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of constructing a bridge across the Muskegon river in the county of Newaygo, and for laying out, establishing and improving a road

from Newaygo, in the county of Newaygo, to Grand Rapids in the county of Kent, was read the third time, when,

Mr. Pierce moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Burnett moved a call of the House, which was not ordered.

And the question being on the passage of the bill, it was passed by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Campbell,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Ferris,
Granger,

Mr. Harris,
Hazard,
Howard,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,

Mr. Murray,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Patterson,
Scott,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Vickery,
Worden,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Burnett,
Clark,
Hazen,
Lawrence,

Mr. Mulhollen,
Pierce,
Powell,

Mr. Russell,
Spencer,
Williams,

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Mr. H. H. Stone, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following joint resolutions were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The joint resolution relative to the establishing of a mail route from Detroit to Michigan ; and

The joint resolution authorizing the delivery of certain public documents to the several county clerks in this state.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. McKinney in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to provide for the laying out and establishing of a certain state road ;

A bill to provide for recording the evidences of the approval by the

general government of the selections of land made by this state under acts of Congress, and for other purposes ; and

A joint resolution relative to the subdivision of section number sixteen, in township eight south, of range fourteen west.

And also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill authorizing Robert Palmer and Morris S. Allen to build a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Clinton ; and

A bill to amend the revised statutes, of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847.

The amendments to the bill authorizing Robert Palmer and Morris S. Allen to build a dam across Grand River, in the county of Clinton, were,

On motion of Kingsley,

Concurred in, in gross.

Mr. Bennett moved to amend the second line of section five by inserting "or otherwise injure" after the word "flow," which motion prevailed.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847, were,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Concurred in, in gross.

Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend section nine by adding the following proviso thereto, viz :

"Provided, that in all cases of deeds hereafter to be given under the provisions of this section, the said deeds shall not be considered as prima facie evidence as above provided, unless the holder thereof shall take actual adverse possession of the premises described therein,—or shall commence an action for the recovery of such possession, within six months after his deed shall have been executed and delivered by the Auditor General."

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill and amendment were laid on the table.

The joint resolution relative to the subdivision of section number sixteen, in township eight south, of range fourteen west ; and

The bill to provide for recording the evidences of the approval by the general government of the selections of lands made by this state under acts of Congress, and for other purposes ;

Were severally ordered to be read the third time.

The bill to provide for the laying out and establishing of a certain state road, was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. McKinney, by unanimous consent, presented a petition of citizens of Van Buren county, for an appropriation of internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Paw Paw river, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, February 8, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

A joint resolution authorizing the delivery of certain public documents to the county clerks of the several counties of this state ; and

A joint resolution relative to the establishing of a mail route from Detroit to Michigan.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31, 1840, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House, and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, February 9, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Baker, Bingham, Brown, Crouse, Mc-

Kinney, Mowry, Noyes, Smith, St. John, Vickery and Warren were absent on leave, and Messrs. Dennis, Hazard, Howard and Patchen, were absent without leave.

Mr. Mack asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Hazard, for an indefinite period.

Mr. H. H. Stone for Mr. Howard, as above.

Mr. Clark for Mr. Dennis, as above.

Mr. Morris for Mr. Patchen, as above.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Lothrop presented the petition of John McComsey and others, for the passage of a law requiring the highway commissioners of the township of Schoolcraft to build a certain bridge in said township. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Lothrop also presented a petition of Moses Austin and others, for a modification of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes. Same reference.

Mr. Terry presented the petition of one hundred citizens of Macomb county, for an increase in the number of the judicial circuits, and for the abolition of county courts. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Campbell presented the petition of Edward Cox and others, for the abolition of county courts, and for other purposes. Same reference.

Mr. Young presented the petition of John Smith and fifty-one others, for an alteration in the highway laws, so as to give the several overseers of highways authority to expend the highway moneys in their respective road districts. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on agriculture, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to amend chapter thirty-one of the revised statutes of 1846.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the erection, repairing and preservation of bridges.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to the claim of Diodate Hubbard.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for a certain piece of land.

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back the bill to amend chapters eighty-eight and eighty-nine of the revised statutes, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to certain public officers ; and

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to biennial sessions of the legislature ;

Which were severally read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and reported adverse to its passage, the bill to amend chapter thirty of the revised statutes ;

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young, from the committee on the militia, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the amendment reported concurred in by the House.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

The bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed as amended.

A communication was received from the Auditor General, in reply to a resolution adopted by the House on the seventh instant, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 9, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to return the bill to amend section six of chapter fifty-two, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate amendments to the bill to amend section six of chapter fifty-two, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes, were severally non-concurred in.

Mr. Littlejohn, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the North Western mining company, of Detroit, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Frazer gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for repairing the Saginaw turnpike between Flint river and Saginaw city.

Mr. Eldredge offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means are hereby in.

structed to bring in a bill to provide for the sale, by the county treasurer of each county, of all non-resident lands returned to his office, without returning the same to the Auditor General's office, and to allow each county to have entire and exclusive jurisdiction over all matters connected with non-resident taxes.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. W. R. Martin, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for laying, opening and improving the Vermontville and Benton state road, which was read twice, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Terry, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Joseph Miller, John Cannon, David W. Noyes and Loren Andrews, certain lands selected for saline purposes, which was read twice and referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Emmons moved a suspension of the twentieth rule, so as to enable him to ask leave to introduce a bill, previous notice not having been given, which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to authorize the highway commissioners of the township of Plainfield, in the county of Kent, to build a free bridge across Grand River, was taken from the table.

Mr. Taylor offered a substitute for the bill, which substitute is entitled a bill to authorize Henry C. Smith, Henry Hall and George Miller to construct a free bridge across Grand River, which being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

The substitute was amended by adding thereto the following, to stand as section two :

"Sec. 2. The legislature may at any time hereafter alter, amend or repeal this act by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each House."

The substitute was then adopted and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Emmons gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the revised statutes of the state of Michigan.

Mr. Powell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on elections be requested to inquire whether any member of this House has vacated his seat by exercising the privileges and rights of Senators. (Vide Senate journal of February 8, 1848.)

Mr. Eldredge moved that the resolution be amended by striking out "elections" and inserting "agriculture and manufactures."

Pending which,

Mr. W. R. Martin moved to lay the resolution and amendment on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Terry moved to postpone its further consideration until the first day of April, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Mack moved that its further consideration be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The motion to amend was laid on the table ;

Which carried the resolution with it.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill to provide for the more equal distribution of the annual reports of the state officers among the members and officers of the legislature, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company, was taken from the table, when

Mr. Taylor offered a substitute for the bill, which was read, and on his motion, the bill and substitute were laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

The twentieth rule was suspended, whereupon he asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to the compilation of the school law, which was read twice and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Terry, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to prescribe the powers and regulate the proceedings of courts of justices of the peace, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Dodge gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a joint resolution concerning the Saut de Ste Marie.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The bill to amend chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on roads and bridges. }

Mr. Lane gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company, and also to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Utica and Detroit city plank road company.

Mr. Lothrop offered the following resolution, which was, on his motion, laid on the table :

Resolved, That a select committee of five be appointed to inquire into and report to this House, on what terms a tract of land, (not less than fifty acres,) suitable for a site for the building of the necessary permanent public buildings of this state can be obtained, immediately adjoining the school sections in the town of Michigan.

Mr. H. H. Stone, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly engrossed viz :

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31, 1840 ;

The bill to provide for the laying out of a certain state road ; and

The bill authorizing Robert Palmer and Morris S. Allen to build a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Clinton.

Mr. Scott, gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for laying out a state road in Clinton county and making appropriation therefor.

The bill to provide for the laying out and establishing of a certain state road ;

The bill authorizing Robert Palmer and Morris S. Allen to build a dam across the Grand River in the county of Clinton ;

The bill to provide for recording the evidences of the approval by the general government of the selections of lands made by this state under acts of Congress, and for other purposes ; and

The joint resolution relative to the subdivision of section number sixteen, in township eight south, of range fourteen west ;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior mining and fishing company, approved March 31, 1840, was read the third time and passed by the following vote, two-thirds of all the members voting therefor :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Pierce,
Bennett,	Harris,	Quackenboss,
Blades,	Hazen,	Russell,
Burnett,	Kingsley,	Spencer,
Campbell,	Lane,	Scott,
Carver,	Lawrence,	H. H. Stone,
Clark,	Littlejohn,	Strong,
Denton,	Lothrop,	Taylor,
Dimond,	Mack,	Terry,
Dodge,	M. B. Martin,	Turner,
Eldredge,	W. R. Martin,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Mathews,	Williams,
Enos,	Murray,	Worden,
Ferris,	Palmer,	Young,
Frazer,	Patterson,	Speaker,
	NAYS.	45

Mr. Morris, Mr. Mulhollen, 2

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Lane in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to organize the county of Almont ;

A bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne to levy a tax of nine thousand dollars to pay for a county jail recently erected in and for said county, together with the substitute.

And also reported back with sundry amendments in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to incorporate the Woodstock manual labor institute ;

A bill for requiring compensation for death caused by wrongful act, neglect or default ;

A bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes ; and

A joint resolution in relation to the claim of John L. Smith, Hosea B. Richardson and Samuel Richardson.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, February 10, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Baker, Bingham, Brown, Dennis, Hazard, Howard, McKinney, Mowry, Noyes, Patchen, Smith, St. John, Vickery and Warren were absent on leave, and Mr. Lothrop was absent without leave.

Mr. Campbell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Lothrop for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Mathews presented the petition of J. C. Watkins and one hundred and twenty others, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Detroit to Michigan. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Barlow presented the petition of thirty-five citizens of the township of Yankee Springs, in Barry county, praying that the name of said township might be changed to Gates. Referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Emmons presented the petition of one hundred and thirty-five citizens of Wayne county, for the re-enactment of a garnishee law. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Terry presented the petition of a large number of citizens of Macomb county, for an increase in the number of the judicial circuits, and for the abolition of county courts. Same reference.

Mr. Terry also presented the petition of the trustees of the first Methodist Episcopal Church of the township of Washington, in Macomb county, asking the state to grant to said church certain lands. Referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back with sundry amendments, and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the North Western mining company, of Detroit.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to amend chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported back the petition of E. B. Bostwick, Philander Tracy and others, for the discontinuance of a certain state road, and reported adverse to any legislative action thereon.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the claim of Richard Lawton, and reported adverse to its allowance.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Leave was granted to the petitioner to withdraw his claim from the files of the House.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back the claims of Messrs. Warner, Smith and Seymour, as witnesses in the matter of the contested seat in this House, of the Chippewa member, and recommended that they be referred to the committee on ways and means with instructions to embody them in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the claims referred to the committee on ways and means, with the instructions.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported a bill to provide for laying out and improving the Saginaw and Michigan state road;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, and reported adverse to its passage.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without action, the bill to define a homestead and exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 9, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to authorize Robert R. Thompson and Titus Yerkes to erect and maintain a dam across the Shiawassee river, in the county of Shiawassee, which the Senate [have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return a bill authorizing John A. Brooks to build a dam across the Muskegon river, in the county of Newaygo, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of the House.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to authorize Robert R. Thompson and Titus Yerkes to erect and maintain a dam across the Shiawassee river, in the county of Shiawassee, was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The Senate amendments to the bill authorizing John A. Brooks to build a dam across the Muskegon river, in the county of Newaygo, were severally concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Pierce gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate a company to construct a rail road from Marshall, in Calhoun county, to Union City, in Branch county.

Mr. Pierce also gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to apportion among the several counties of this state the internal improvement lands according to the area of said counties,

to be expended under the direction of the board of supervisors of said counties for internal improvement purposes.

Mr. Mack gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Rochester and Royal Oak plank road company.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Emmons, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill amend sections four and five of chapter one hundred and six of the revised statutes, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

The joint resolution relative to the claim of David Van Arman, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Barlow,

The bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The bill directing the publication of a statement of lands to be sold in Clinton county in 1848, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce moved to reconsider the vote by which was passed the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31st, 1840, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Terry, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the last section of the bill by inserting "the personal property of," before the word "said" in the fourteenth line, and by inserting after "company" in the same line, the words "and of all state taxes on the real estate of said company," which amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. Patterson moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Littlejohn moved a call of the House, which was had, when it was found that Mr. Scott was absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed by the following vote, two-thirds of all the members voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Carver,
Clark,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Ferris,
Frazer,

Mr. Granger,
Harris,
Hazen,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Palmer,
Patterson,

Mr. Pierce,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. King,

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Mr. Baldwin, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to improve the Detroit and Saginaw road, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. H. H. Stone, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly engrossed, viz :

The bill to authorize Henry C. Smith, Henry Hall and George Miller to construct a free bridge across Grand River ; and

The bill to amend chapter thirty-one of the revised statutes of 1846.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts in certain counties, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, by unanimous

consent, reported a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to the elective franchise ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Young,

Resolved, That the hour to which this House shall hereafter stand adjourned each day, be half past nine o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

The bill to amend chapter thirty-one of the revised statutes of 1846, and

The bill to authorize Henry C. Smith, Henry Hall and George Miller to construct a free bridge across Grand River ;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to organize the county of Almont, and ordered it to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne to levy a tax of nine thousand dollars to pay for a county jail recently erected in and for said county, together with a substitute therefor, entitled a bill authorizing the board of supervisors of Wayne county to levy a special tax for defraying the expenses of erecting a jail in and for said county, being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The eighth line of section one of the substitute was amended by striking out therefrom the words "sum of nine of thousand dollars," and insert in lieu thereof "amount actually expended and necessary to be expended in the completion thereof, and."

Mr. Young moved to amend the second section by striking out of the second and third lines the words "the sum of;" and inserting "a sum not exceeding;" and also amend the tenth line by inserting the words "without giving the notice required in section ten of chapter fourteen of the revised statutes," after "eight," which motion prevailed.

The substitute was then adopted and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill to incorporate the Woodstock manual labor institute, were,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Concurred in, in gross, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill requiring compensation for death caused by wrongful act, neglect or default, were

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Concurred in, in gross, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

The bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Recommitted to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the joint resolution relative to the claim of John L. Smith, Hosea B. Richardson and Samuel Richardson, were concurred in, and the joint resolution ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Pierce in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without action,

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Diodate Hubbard.

Also, reported back without amendment, a bill to provide for the more equal distribution of the annual reports of the state officers among the members and officers of the legislature.

And also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes; and

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The House adjourned.

Friday, February 11, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Baker, Bingham, Brown, Dennis, Ha-

zard, Howard, Lothrop, McKinney, Mowry, Patchen, Smith, St. John, Vickery and Warren were absent on leave, and Messrs. Palmer and Scott, were absent without leave.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Mathews presented a petition of E. Woodruff and eighty-one others, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Detroit to Michigan ; which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Powell presented the petition of one hundred and forty-five citizens and tax payers of this state, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road on the line of the Grand River road. Same reference.

Mr. Worden presented a petition of W. H. White and sixty others, for an appropriation of one hundred thousand acres of internal improvement lands, for the purpose of making of slack water navigation on Grand River, from the village of Lyons to the capitol, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Lawrence presented the memorial of George Danforth, and two hundred and sixteen others, for the repeal of the act incorporating the village of Ann Arbor, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Lawrence also presented the memorial of the Michigan state anti-slavery society, for the passage of an act prohibiting all persons except officers of the United States, from aiding or assisting in the recapture, holding or carrying away of persons claimed by citizens of other states, as fugitives from service or labor, and to prohibit the confinement of any person so claimed in any of the jails of this state, which was referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill to lay out a state road from Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, by the village of Almont, to Port Huron, in St. Clair county, and to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for laying out, establishing and improving the same, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Olivet institute, which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit river floating dock, dry dock and marine railway company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported a bill relative to plank roads ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to provide for the improvement of the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to authorize Robert R. Thompson and Titus Yerkes to erect and maintain a dam across the Shiawassee river, in the county of Shiawassee.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly engrossed, viz :

A bill to organize the county of Almont ;

A bill authorizing the board of supervisors of Wayne county to levy a special tax for defraying the expenses of erecting a jail in and for said county ;

A bill to incorporate the Woodstock manual labor institute ; and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of John L. Smith, Hosea B. Richardson and Samuel Richardson.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the bill authorizing John A. Brooks to build a dam across the Muskegon river, in the county of Newaygo, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Scott, from the committee on education, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to the compilation of the school laws.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of certain lands on the Macon reserve, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

Referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following communication was announced from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, February 10, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return the bill to organize certain townships in the counties of Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am also instructed to inform you that the Senate do insist on their amendments to the bill to amend section six of chapter fifty-two, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes, and have appointed Senators Fitzgerald, Parsons and Shoemaker a committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on said bill, and request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate amendment to the bill to organize certain townships in the counties of Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, was non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

A committee of conference was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House, on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to amend section six of chapter fifty-two, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes.

The Speaker appointed as such committee, Messrs. Eldredge, Littlejohn and Lawrence.

Mr. Eldredge gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave

to introduce a bill to incorporate the village of Almont, in Lapeer county.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Burnett gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846.

Mr. Emmons gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill relative to the discharge of judgments, decrees, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The bill to amend chapters eighty-eight and eighty-nine of the revised statutes, relative to courts, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Palmer gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson.

Mr. Turner pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a certain state road, in the counties of Berrien and Cass, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Dodge, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution concerning the Saut de Ste Marie, which was read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The following message was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, February 11, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act authorizing John A. Brooks to build a dam across the Muskegon river, in the county of Newaygo.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

Mr. Frazer, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Saginaw turnpike, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Lane, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the revised statutes as to permit the foreclosure of mortgages in any one of the counties wherein the lands described in such mortgage are situated, and that such foreclosure may embrace all the lands described in said mortgage within the state of Michigan.

The bill to organize the county of Almont, was read the third time, when

Mr. Scott, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the last section by adding thereto the words "until the year 1853, when it shall be permanently located by the legislature," which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Denton,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Granger,

Mr. Harris,
Kingsley,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Murray,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Powell,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Russell,
Scott,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Worden,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,
Burnett,
Carver,
Clark,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Ferris,
Frazer,

Mr. Hazen,
King,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
Mathews,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Patterson,
Pierce,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Voorhies,
Williams,
Young,

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The joint resolution relative to the claim of John L. Smith, Hosea B. Richardson and Samuel Richardson, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Woodstock manual labor institute, was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows, two-thirds of all the members voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Powell,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Quackenboss,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Burnett,	Lane,	Scott,
Campbell,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Carver,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Clark,	Mack,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	M. B. Martin,	Strong,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Taylor,
Dimond,	Mathews,	Terry,
Dodge,	Morris,	Turner,
Eldredge,	Mulhollen,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Murray,	Williams,
Enos,	Noyes,	Worden,
Ferris,	Palmer,	Young,
Frazer,	Patterson,	Speaker,
Granger,	Pierce,	50

NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. King,	2
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The bill requiring compensation for death caused by wrongful act, neglect or default ; and

The bill authorizing the board of supervisors of Wayne county to levy a special tax for defraying the expenses of erecting a jail in said county ;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, February 11, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

Transmitted herewith for the use of both Houses, is a report and sundry resolutions of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in reference to certain proceedings had in a meeting of the people of Trimble and Carroll counties, in that state.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The communication and accompanying document were referred to the committee on federal relations.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the joint resolution relative to the claim of Diodate Hubbard, and ordered it to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill to provide for the more equal distribution of the annual reports of the state officers among the members and officers of the legislature, was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House took up the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, and the question being on concurring in the amendments made in committee of the whole,

They were all severally concurred in, except the fourth, which amendment inserts, "subsequent to the first day of January, 1846," after the word "rejected," in the second line of section two, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

This amendment was amended by striking out "1846" and inserting "1847," and the amendment as amended was then concurred in.

Mr. Harris moved to amend section two, by inserting "excepting such as have been sold since the rejection of said taxes," after the word "taxes," in the fourth line.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The amendment was amended by inserting "lots or parts of lots," after the word "such," and the amendment as amended was then agreed to.

Mr. Powell moved to amend by adding a new section, as follows :

"The provisions of this act shall apply only to the village of Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent," which amendment was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The following proviso was added to section three, viz :

"Provided, nothing contained in this act shall be construed as in any wise altering or repealing the provisions of an act passed at the regular session of the legislature of 1839, relative to the laying out and recording of village plats."

Mr. Littlejohn moved to strike out section two of the bill, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Lawrence moved that all after the enacting clause be stricken out, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Blades,	Mr. Lane,	Mr. H. Stone,	
Burnett,	Lawrence,	Terry,	
Carver,	Littlejohn,	Turner,	
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	Voorhies,	
Emmons,	Mathews,	Williams,	
Enos,	Morris,	Young,	
Hazen,	Powell,	Speaker,	21

NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Patterson,	
Barlow,	Granger,	Pierce,	
Bennett,	Harris,	Quackenboss,	
Campbell,	King,	Russell,	
Crouse,	Kingsley,	Scott,	
Denton,	Mack,	Spencer,	
Dimond,	W. R. Martin,	H. H. Stone,	
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Strong,	
Eldredge,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Ferris,	Noyes,	Worden,	30

Mr. Terry moved that the bill be committed to a select committee of three, which motion was agreed to.

The Speaker appointed as such committee Messrs. Terry, Kingsley and Campbell.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, were severally concurred in, the amendments ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. H. Stone in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company ; and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of David Van Arman.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, February 12, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Baker, Bingham, Brown, Dennis, Hazard, Howard, Lothrop, McKinney, Mowry, Patchen, St. John, and Vickery, were absent on leave.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following petitions were presented and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations, viz :

By Mr. Clark, of one hundred and ninety-three inhabitants of Lenawee county, for a charter for a company to construct a plank road from Adrian to Jackson, via the junction of the Chicago and Monroe turn-pikes, on the most eligible route ;

Also, of seventy-five inhabitants of Jackson county, and of eighteen other inhabitants of Jackson county, for the same ;

By Mr. Taylor, of A. D. Ruthven and seventy-five other citizens of Kent county, remonstrating against the renewal or extension of the charter of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan ;

By Mr. Mathews, of Ralph Fowler and fifty-six others, for the incorporation of a company for the construction of a plank road from Detroit to Michigan ;

By Mr. Worden, of H. Bartow and eighty others, for a charter for a company to construct a plank road from Michigan to Portland ; and also, for an appropriation to assist in constructing said road ;

By Mr. Quackenboss, of Andrew Backus and forty-one others, citizens of the village of Tecumseh, for a change in the corporate limits of said village ;

Also, of Charles Hewett and sixty-three other citizens of Tecumseh, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Tecumseh to the village of Jackson.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of Henry Hall and seventy other citizens of Kent county, for the establishment of a county site in said county, which was referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Warren presented the petition of Hartford Cargil and fifty-three others, for a state road from Flint village, in the county of Genesee,

to the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. W. R. Martin presented the petition of P. S. Spaulding and others, for the passage of a law appropriating the non-resident highway tax on the Bellevue and Waterloo state road, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. W. R. Martin also presented the petition of H. Hovey and ninety-nine others, for the appointment of a commissioner to lay out and establish a state road from the capitol to Hastings, in Barry county, and making appropriations therefor, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Terry presented the petition of Noah S. Harvey, to have a street in the village of Frederick, in the county of Macomb, taken up, in pursuance of his deed from the state, or for damages by reason thereof, which was referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported back without action, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, the bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Joseph Miller, John Cannon, David W. Noyes and Loren Andrews, certain lands selected for saline purposes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to provide for the more equal distribution of the annual reports of the state officers among the members and officers of the legislature ;

The joint resolution relative to the adjustment of the claim of Diodate Hubbard ; and

The House amendments to the Senate bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported

back the bill for the improvement of the Paw Paw river, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill and substitute laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to lay out a state road from Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, by the village of Almont to Port Huron, in St. Clair county, and to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for laying out, establishing and improving the same.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Terry, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Joseph Miller, John Cannon, David W. Noyes and Loren Andrews, certain lands selected for saline purposes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Scott, from the committee on education, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties in this state.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 12, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit a bill to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Genesee to build a free bridge across the Flint river, at the village of Flint, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked ; also to return

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of constructing a bridge across the Muskegon river, in the county of Newaygo, and for laying out, establishing and improving

a road from Newaygo, in the county of Newaygo, to Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of constructing a bridge across the Muskegon river in the county of Newaygo, and for laying out, establishing and improving a road from Newaygo, in the county of Newaygo, to Grand Rapids in the county of Kent, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Genesee to build a free bridge across Flint river, at the village of Flint, was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Dimond, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to establish a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary of the county line of Lapeer, which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Burnett, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Pierce, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize certain internal improvements in the several counties of this state, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The bill to provide for the more equal distribution of the annual reports of the state officers among the members and officers of the legislature, and

The joint resolution relative to the adjustment of the claim of Diodate Hubbard ; were severally read the third time and passed.

Mr. Warren, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

“ Resolved, That the Senate be requested to return to the House, by their Secretary, the House bill entitled a bill to organize the county of Almont.”

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, was read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Quackenboss,
Barlow,	Hazen,	Russell,
Bennett,	King,	Smith,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Spencer,
Burnett,	Lane,	H. Stone,
Campbell,	Lawrence,	H. H. Stone,
Carver,	Littlejohn,	Strong,
Clark,	Mack,	Taylor,
Crouse,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Turner,
Dimond,	Mathews,	Voorheis,
Dodge,	Morris,	Warren,
Emmons,	Mulhollen,	Williams,
Enos,	Murray,	Worden,
Ferris,	Patterson,	Young,
Frazer,	Pierce,	Speaker,
Granger,	Powell,	

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NAYS.

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The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company, and

The question being on concurring in the amendments made in committee of the whole,

On motion of Mr. Mack,

They were concurred in, in gross.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The sixth section was amended by striking out of the third line the words "each of the cities of Detroit and Boston," and inserting "the city of Detroit."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendment made in committee of the whole to the joint resolution relative to the claim of David Van Arman, was non-concurred in.

Mr. Littlejohn moved to recommit the joint resolution to the committee on claims, with instructions to insert therein the true amount of principal and interest due Mr. Van Arman upon warrants received by him, basing said amount upon forty cents upon the dollar, of said warrants.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

The motion was amended by striking out "claims" and inserting "ways and means."

Mr. Pierce moved to further amend the motion by striking out the words "basing said amount upon forty cents upon the dollar of said warrants." Pending which,

Mr. Terry moved an adjournment, but the House refused to adjourn.

Mr. Lawrence moved that the further consideration of the whole subject be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Clark,
Crouse,
Denton,

Mr. Lawrence,
Mathews,
Scott,

Mr. Spencer,
Turner,
Voorheis,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Carver,
Dimond,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Ferris,
Granger,
Harris,

Mr. Hazen,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Pierce,
Powell,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Terry,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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The question then recurring on the motion made by Mr. Pierce to amend the instructions, it prevailed.

The question then being on the motion to commit with instructions, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative.

So the joint resolution was committed to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to insert therein the amount of principal and interest due Mr. Van Arman upon warrants received by him.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 12, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return herewith a bill to organize the county of Almont, in accordance with the request of the House of this morning.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Blades, by unanimous consent, moved a reconsideration of the vote by which was passed the bill to organize the county of Almont, which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Terry moved that the bill be laid on the table, which motion prevailed by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. Russell,
Benrett,	Littlejohn,	Smith,
Blades,	Mack,	Spencer,
Burnett,	W. R. Martin,	H. Stone,
Carver,	Mathews,	Terry,
Clark,	Morris,	Voorhies,
Dimond,	Mulhollen,	Warren,
Ferris,	Pierce,	Williams,
Hazen,	Powell,	Young,
Lane,	Quackenboss,	Speaker, 30

NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Scott,
Campbell,	Harris,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Kingsley,	Strong,
Denton,	Murray,	Taylor,
Dodge,	Noyes,	Turner,
Eldredge,	Palmer,	Worden, 19
Emmons,		

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Clark in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without action,

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriation therefor ; and

A bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts in certain counties.

Also, reported back without amendment, a bill directing the publication of a statement of lands to be sold in Clinton county.

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to authorize Robert R. Thompson and Titus Yerkes to erect and maintain a dam across the Shiawassee river, in the county of Shiawassee.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill to provide for the laying out and establishing of a certain

state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor, was recommitted to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The House adjourned.

Monday, February 14, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Bingham, Dennis, Hazard, Howard, Lothrop, McKinney, Mowry, Patchen, St. John and Vickery, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Granger, Kingsley, M. B. Martin, Russell and H. Stone were absent without leave.

Mr. Eldredge asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Granger for an indefinite period.

Mr. W. R. Martin for Mr. M. B. Martin, as above.

Mr. Emmons for Mr. H. Stone, as above.

Mr. Spencer for Mr. Kingsley, for one day.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The Speaker laid before the House an anonymous communication from Cassopolis, upon general affairs and the state of the Union;

Which was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Denton presented a petition of Sanford M. Green and sixty-seven other tax payers of the village of Pontiac, for an amendment to the charter of said village, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of John Clancey and eighty-nine other citizens of Kent county, for the abolition of the county courts, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of J. C. Able and forty-seven other citizens of Kent county, for a charter for a company to construct a plank road from Grand Rapids to Ada, in the county of Kent, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Scott presented the claim of Jesse Foote Turner, which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Morris presented the petition of A. J. Jones, a minor, for an act to authorize him to convey certain real estate, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Carver presented five petitions of one hundred and eighty inhabitants of the counties of Monroe and Washtenaw, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from the city of Monroe, in Monroe county, via Saline, to Ann Arbor, in the county of Washtenaw, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Dimond, of C. C. Burt and thirty-two other citizens of St. Clair county, and of R. Hamilton and sixteen others of the same county, for the extension of the jurisdiction of the county courts, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Littlejohn from the committee on ways and means, reported back the joint resolution relative to the claim of David Van Arman, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, the amendments reported were severally concurred in, and the joint resolution ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage,

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged ; when

Mr. Burnett moved to refer the bill to the committee of the whole and place it on the general order, which motion was lost, and

The bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun,

through Bellevue and Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, to Michigan, in the county of Ingham.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Terry, from the select committee, to whom was referred the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, reported the same back, together with a substitute therefor, and recommended the adoption of said substitute.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Emmons moved that the bill and substitute be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Emmons then moved that the bill and substitute be laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed, which motion was not agreed to, and

The substitute was adopted and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 12, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return herewith the bill to organize certain townships in the counties of Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have receded from their amendment thereto.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne to levy a tax of nine thousand dollars to pay for a county jail recently erected in and for said county ; and to

The bill requiring compensation for death caused by wrongful act, neglect or default, and that said bills as amended have been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to organize certain townships in the counties of Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Resolved, That a select committee of seven be appointed to take into consideration all the bills now before this House, and all that may hereafter be introduced, proposing alterations or amendments to our present judiciary system relative to circuit and county courts, including all questions as to the enlargement or diminution of the equity powers, or civil and criminal jurisdiction of said courts; the propriety of separate or concurrent exercise of said powers and jurisdiction, whether original or appellate, by said courts, or the transfer thereof from one to the other; and also all questions of practice and pleading therein respectively; and that said committee include all such amendments of the judiciary system as they may deem advisable, together with all necessary corresponding amendments of the revised statutes of 1846, in a general bill, and report the same to this House with all convenient despatch.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

The bill for the improvement of the Paw Paw river, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for a certain piece of land, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Morris,

The bill to incorporate the Olivet Institute was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Voorheis,

The bill to provide for laying out and improving the Saginaw and Michigan state road was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill relative to plank roads, and the bill to define a homestead and exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases, were taken

from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to the elective franchise, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Hazen,

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to certain public officers, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill making an appropriation of certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of a portion of the Kalamazoo river, in the county of Allegan.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company ; and

The bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of constructing a bridge across the Muskegon river, in the county of Newaygo, and for laying out, establishing and improving a road from Newaygo, in the county of Newaygo, to Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised Statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage,

Mr. Burnett asked to be excused from voting thereon, but the House refused to excuse him.

The bill was then passed by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Campbell,
Carver,

Mr. Frazer,
King,
Lane,
Mack,
W. R. Martin,

Mr. Quackenbush,
Russell,
Scott,
Smith,
Strong,

Crouse,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Ferris,

Mulhollen,
Murray,
Noyes,
Pierce,

Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Voorheis,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,
Blades,
Burnett,
Denton,
Emmons,
Enos,

Mr. Hazen,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Mathews,
Morris,
Patterson,

Mr. Powell,
Spencer,
Warren,
Williams,
Young,
Speaker,

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The bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company was read the third time, when

Mr. Mathews moved a call of the House, which was ordered.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Burnett, Clark, Frazer, Harris, King, W. R. Martin, Quackenboss, H. H. Stone and Williams, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The Sergeant-at-arms was despatched for the absentees.

Several of those absent having returned,

On motion of Mr. Mack,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed by yeas and nays as follows, two-thirds of all the members voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Carver,
Clark,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,

Mr. Enos,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Hazen,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Murray,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patterson,

Mr. Pierce,
Powell,
Scott,
Spencer,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Crouse,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Russell,

Mr. Strong,

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The following communication was received:

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, }
Michigan, February 14, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I herewith submit an abstract of reports of the superintendents of the poor of the several counties of this state for the year 1847, so far as the same have been received at this office.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. W. PECK,
Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The communication and accompanying document were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hazen,

The abstract of the reports of the superintendents of the poor, were ordered to be printed.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts in certain counties, and

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

It was laid on the table.

Mr. Lawrence, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was not adopted, viz:

Resolved, That all the bills heretofore introduced into this House, and those that may hereafter be introduced, be referred to a select committee, with instructions to give proper directions to the other standing committees of this House, in regard to their respective duties.

The bill directing the publication of a statement of lands to be sold in Clinton county in 1848, was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill to authorize Robert B. Thompson and Titus Yerkes to erect and maintain a dam across the Shiawassee river, in the county of Shiawassee, were severally concurred in, the amendments ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Noyes in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

The bill to amend chapters eighty-eight and eighty-nine of the revised statutes, relative to courts, and

Also reported back with sundry amendments in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

The bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of certain lands on the Maumee reserve ;

The bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state ; and

The bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes, in the several counties in this State.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill to amend chapters eighty-eight and eighty-nine of the revised statutes relative to courts, was referred to the select committee on the judicial system.

The bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools, or teachers' institutes in the several counties of this state, being under consideration, and the question being on concurring in the amendment made thereto in committee of the whole, striking out all after the enacting clause,

Mr. Emmons moved a call of the House, which was not ordered.

Mr. Taylor moved that the House adjourn, which motion was lost.

Mr. Spencer moved to recommit the bill to the committee on education, with instructions to report a bill for a state normal school, or institution for the instruction of teachers, to be supported from the university fund, if in the opinion of said committee, that fund could be so used, which motion was decided in the negative.

The question then recurring on concurring in the amendment striking out all after the enacting clause, it was not concurred in, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bennett,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimodn,

Mr. Harris,
Mack,
Mulhollen,
Patterson,
Russell,
Smith,

Mr. Spencer,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Worden,
Young,

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Palmer,
Baldwin,	Hazen,	Pierce,
Blades,	King,	Powell,
Brown,	Lane,	Quackenboss,
Burnett,	Lawrence,	Scott,
Carver,	Littlejohn,	Strong,
Dodge,	W. R. Martin,	Taylor,
Eldredge,	Mathews,	Terry,
Emmons,	Morris,	Williams,
Enos,	Murray,	Speaker,
Ferrie,	Noyes,	

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On motion of Mr. Burnett,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, February 15, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Bingham, Dennis, Granger, Howard, M. B. Martin, McKinney, Patchen, St. John and H. Stone, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Burnett, and Murray were absent without leave.

Mr. Scott asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Murray, for an indefinite period.

Mr. Lawrence for Mr. Burnett as above.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Mowry presented the petition of John Comstock, and one hundred and fifty-nine others, of Oakland county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a rail road from the village of Pontiac, via Commerce and Milford, in said county, to the capitol of the state, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Baker presented the petition of Lewis H. Sturges and one hundred and fifty-three others, for the construction of a canal from some point north of Detroit, to the navigable waters of the Grand River, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Kingsley presented the claim of James Parshall, which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Worden presented the remonstrance of A. L. Roof and twenty-eight others, against certain alterations in the limits of the township

of Lyons, which was referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill relative to the village of Pontiac ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, and recommended that it do not pass, the bill to amend section six of chapter eighty-four of the revised statutes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back the bill to repeal certain sections of the revised statutes ;

The bill to amend section thirty-two of chapter ninety-two, of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

The bill to amend section three, of chapter twenty, of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

The bill to amend section twenty-one of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the duties of highway commissioners ;

The bill to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to proceedings to recover possession of lands, in certain cases ;

The bill to amend chapter ninety-four of the revised statutes of 1846, in relation to criminal proceedings before justices of the peace ; and

The bill to amend section fifty-five of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes ;

Together with a substitute for all of the above entitled bills, entitled a bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the various bills reported back, together with the substitute therefor, were laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported a bill to amend chapter ninety-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to county courts ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back the memorial of James R. Langdon and Hezekiah H. Reed, pray-

ing for the refunding of certain taxes illegally assessed upon their lands, reported adverse thereto, and recommended that the memorialists have leave to withdraw their papers.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and leave was granted to the memorialists to withdraw their papers from the files of the House.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to authorize the supervisors of Genesee county to build a free bridge across the Flint river at the village of Flint.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back with amendments, and recommended its passage, the bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported a bill to refund certain highway moneys in the county of Barry ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to establish a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St Clair, to the eastern boundary of the county of Lapeer.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill directing the publication of a statement of lands to be sold in Clinton county in 1848 ;

The joint resolution relative to the claim of David Van Arman ;
and

The House amendments to the Senate bill to authorize Robert R. Thompson and Titus Yerkes to erect and maintain a dam across the Shiawassee river in the county of Shiawassee.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the bill to organize certain townships in the counties of Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, was correctly enrolled and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, February 14, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of constructing a bridge across the Muskegon river in the county of Newaygo, and for laying out, establishing and improving a road from Newaygo, in the county of Newaygo, to Grand Rapids in the county of Kent.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan February 15, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the joint resolution relative to the approval of the selection of the salt spring lands, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate do non-concur in the House amendments to the bill to incorporate the Detroit merchants' exchange company, and have appointed Senators Griswold, Fitzgerald and Shoemaker a committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreement of the two Houses on said bill, and request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution relative to the approval of the selection of the salt spring lands, was read twice and referred to the committee on public lands.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

A committee of conference was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House, on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to incorporate the Detroit merchants' exchange company.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill to organize the county of Almont, was taken from the table, and the question being on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Lothrop,	Mr. Smith,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Dodge,	Morris,	Strong,
Eldredge,	Mulhollen,	Taylor,
Emmons,	Noyes,	Turner,
Harris,	Palmer,	Worden,
Hazard,	Powell,	Young,
Kingsley,	Scott,	Speaker, 24

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Pierce,
Baldwin,	King,	Quackenboss,
Blades,	Lane,	Russell,
Carver,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Clark,	Littlejohn,	Terry,
Crouse,	Mack,	Vickery,
Dimond,	Mathews,	Voorheis,
Enos,	Mowry,	Warren,
Frazer,	Patterson,	Williams, 27

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts in certain counties, was taken from the table and referred to the select committee on the judicial system.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Clinton river in the county of Macomb, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the sale, under execution, of the interest of persons holding seminary or school lands under certificates of purchase from the Commissioner of the Land Office, or Superintendent of Public Instruction, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Joseph Miller, John Cannon, David W. Noyes and Loren Andrews, certain lands selected for saline purposes, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce moved that the vote be reconsidered by which was passed the bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Pierce, by unanimous consent, moved to add the following section to the bill :

Sec. 10. This act shall take effect from and after its passage, and shall continue for thirty years from such passage : Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize said company to use or exercise any banking powers or banking privileges, whatever.

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word "thirty" before "years," and inserting "twenty-five," which motion did not prevail ; and

The question being on the original amendment, it was adopted.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed by a two thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Clark,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Harris,

Mr. Hazen,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patterson,
Pierce,
Powell,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Russell,
Scott,
Smith,
Spencer,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

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Mr. Mulhollen, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the pay of witnesses in criminal cases, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Hazen gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for certain pieces of land.

Mr. Emmons, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill relative to the discharge of judgments and decrees and for other purposes, which was read twice and referred the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The joint resolution relative to the compilation of the school laws, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit river sectional floating dock, dry dock and marine railway company, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to biennial sessions of the legislature, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill to incorporate the Northwestern mining company of Detroit, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The joint resolution relative to the claim of David Van Arman, was then read the third time and passed by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,

Mr. Ferris,
Frazer,
Harris,
Hazen,
King,
Lane,
Littlejohn,

Mr. Pierce,
Powell,
Russell,
Smith,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,

Clark,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Emmons,

W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Mulhollen,
Palmer,

Terry,
Vickery,
Young,
Speaker, 33

NAYS.

Mr. Denton,
Eldredge,
Enos,
Lawrence,

Mr. Mowry,
Noyes,
Patterson,
Scott,

Mr. Spencer,
Turner,
Voorhies,
Warren, 12

The bill directing the publication of a statement of lands to be sold in Clinton county in 1848, and

The bill to authorize Robert R. Thompson and Titus Yerkes to erect and maintain a dam across the Shiawassee river, in the county of Shiawassee,

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools, or teachers' institutes, in the several counties of this state, when

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill was amended by adding to the first section the following proviso, viz:

"Provided, That a majority of the townships in each county, shall at their annual meetings, by a viva voce vote, decide that they will raise any sum for that purpose."

The amendment was then ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

The amendment made in committee of the whole to the bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of certain lands on the Macon reserve, was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House then took up the bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, when

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on the militia, with instructions to prepare a substitute therefor, providing, first, For the repeal of the law authorizing the levying and collecting of the military capitation tax ; second, To provide for the payment of the moneys already collected under the said law, to the brigades, battalions, and companies organized and performing duty in view

of the same, from the counties within the limits of any such brigades, battalions or companies ; third, To provide in all the other counties for the application of said moneys for the benefit of primary schools, which motion prevailed.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Eldredge in the chair,

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to incorporate the Olivet institute ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit river sectional floating dock, dry dock, and marine railway company ;

And the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to the elective franchise ; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

The bill for the improvement of the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb ; and

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to certain public officers.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on internal improvement, by unanimous consent, reported back the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Saginaw turnpike, together with a substitute therefor, entitled a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Detroit and Saginaw turnpike, within the county of Saginaw.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill and substitute laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Denton, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives for this evening, is hereby tendered to Mr. Winchell, for the purpose of lecturing.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, February 16, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Burnett, Dennis, Granger, Murray, St. John and H. Stone were absent on leave, and Messrs. Brown, Enos, Hazard, Kingsley, Taylor and Vickery, were absent without leave.

Mr. Lawrence asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Kingsley for an indefinite period.

Mr. Crouse for Mr. Hazard, as above.

Mr. Clark for Mr. Vickery, as above.

Mr. Harris for Mr. Taylor, as above.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Speaker announced as the select committee on the judicial system, Messrs. Littlejohn, Lothrop, Murray, H. Stone, Dennis, Young and Blades.

The Speaker also announced as the committee of conference on the part of the House, on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to incorporate the Detroit merchants' exchange company, Messrs. Terry, Mulhollen and Carver.

Mr. Baker presented the petition of John C. Davis and two hundred and twelve others, for an alteration in the Pontiac and Grand River road, which was referred to a select committee of three.

Mr. Carver presented the petition of P. B. Torrey and sixteen others, for the passage of a law providing for diverting a portion of the water of the St. Joseph river, for hydraulic purposes, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of C. P. Calkins and seventy others, for the extension of the corporate limits of the village of Grand Rapids, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Campbell presented the petition of R. C. Knight and eighty-eight others, for an alteration in a certain state road in the county of Calhoun, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Dimond presented the petition of L. A. Whitford and twenty-four others, of Horace Dane and sixty-one others, and of J. Burtch and fifty-four others, all of St. Clair county, for the organization of a

new county from the counties of Sanilac and St. Clair, which petitions were referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Dimond also presented the remonstrance of J. Burtch and seventy other residents of the township of Burtchville, against the setting off that township from the county of St. Clair, which was referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Bingham presented the petition of Elijah Curtis and sixty-one others, for a plank road from Detroit to the capitol of the state, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Denton presented the claim of B. Irish, for money expended and services rendered in enlisting the first regiment of Michigan volunteers, which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Noyes presented the petition of forty-three citizens of Plymouth and vicinity, for the repeal of the license law, which was referred to the select committee on the judicial system.

Mr. McKinney presented a petition for the amendment of the laws relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, so as to give to county treasurers exclusive control of all proceedings subsequent to the returns from the townships, which was referred to a select committee of three.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution relative to the approval of the selection of the salt spring lands.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, from the same committee, reported back the petition of George Hentig for relief in consequence of injuries sustained by him by the passage of the Central rail road through lands owned by him, and reported adverse to the prayer of the petitioner.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Eldredge, from the same committee, reported back the petitions of Loren Andrews, Joseph Miller, John Cannon, and David W. Noyes, reported that no action was necessary thereon, as a bill pro-

viding for the prayer of the petitioners had already been introduced, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Eldredge, from the same committee, reported back the petition of Noah S. Harvey, for the vacation of a certain street in the village of Frederick, reported adverse to the prayer of the petition, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers from the files of the House.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and leave was granted to Mr. Harvey to withdraw his papers.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of certain lands on the Macon reserve ; and

The House amendments to the Senate bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties in this state.

Mr. Young, from the committee on the militia, reported back the bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, together with the substitute therefor, contemplated by the instructions yesterday given by the House.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill and substitute referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on internal improvement, to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Sandy and one hundred and fifty others, touching the interests of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal, made a report in writing, which was read, and which was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The report was laid on the table and five hundred extra copies ordered to be printed.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, February 15, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to organize certain townships in the counties of Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The following communication was announced from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, February 16, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit the following entitled joint resolutions, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A joint resolution relative to the government of the United States, refunding to the state of Michigan any and all sums of money expended by the state in fitting out the first regiment of Michigan volunteer infantry, in pursuance of a requisition of the war department upon the Executive of this state ; and

Joint resolution authorizing the appointment of an assistant librarian.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the government of the United States refunding to the state of Michigan any and all moneys expended by the state in fitting out the first regiment of Michigan volunteer infantry, in pursuance of the requisition of the war department upon the Executive of this state, was read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The joint resolution authorizing the appointment of an assistant librarian, was read twice and referred to the committee on the state library.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution rel.

ative to single representative districts, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill to lay out a state road from Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, by the village of Almont to Port Huron in St. Clair county, and to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for laying out, establishing and improving the same, was taken from the table referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Lane,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Voorheis,

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Worden,

The bill to authorize Joel Andrews of the county of Ionia, to convey certain real estate, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Harris, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the recording of town plats, and for vacating the same, in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Lothrop gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to bring in a bill to incorporate a company to build a plank road from Kalamazoo, in the county of Kalamazoo, to Three Rivers, in the county of St. Joseph.

Mr. Palmer, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, was taken from the table and referred to the select committee to whom

was this morning referred the petition in relation to the as sessment, and collection of taxes.

Mr. Terry gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate a company to construct a plank road from Mt. Clemens to the town of Washington.

The bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of certain lands on the Macon reserve, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties of this state, was read the third time, when

Mr. Emmons moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was ordered to a third reading, which was agreed to, and

On motion of Mr. Harris,

It was recommitted to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business,

The bill to incorporate the Olivet institute ; and

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit river floating dock, dry dock and marine railway company ;

Were severally ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to the elective franchise, was taken up, when

Mr. Scott moved that it be laid on the table, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Scott then moved that it be recommitted to the committee on the judiciary, with instructions to incorporate in the proposed amendment of the constitution, a provision requiring a property qualification, similar in its nature to that contained in article two, section one of the constitution of the state of New York, which motion was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Campbell,
Crouse,
King,
Littlejohn,

Mr. Noyes,
Pierce,
Scott,

Mr. H. H. Stone,
Turner,
Vickery,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,

Mr. Frazer,
Harris,

Mr. Palmer,
Patchen,

Barlow,	Hazard,	Patterson,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Powell,
Bingham,	Howard,	Quackenboss,
Blades,	Lane,	Russell,
Brown,	Lawrence,	Smith,
Carver,	Lothrop,	Spencer,
Clark,	Mack,	Strong,
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,
Dimond,	W. R. Martin,	Voorheis,
Dodge,	Mathews,	Warren,
Eldredge,	McKinney,	Williams,
Emmons,	Morris,	Worden,
Enos,	Mowry,	Young,
Ferris,	Mulhollen,	Speaker, 48

The question then being on ordering the joint resolution to be engrossed and read the third time, it prevailed, by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. Russell,
Bingham,	W. R. Martin,	Spencer,
Blades,	Mathews,	Strong,
Clark,	McKinney,	Terry,
Denton,	Mowry,	Turner,
Eldredge,	Palmer,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Patchen,	Warren,
Enos,	Patterson,	Williams,
Harris,	Pierce,	Worden,
Hazen,	Quackenboss,	Young,
Lane,		31

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Morris,
Baldwin,	Frazer,	Mulhollen,
Bennett,	Harris,	Noyes,
Brown,	Howard,	Powell,
Campbell,	King,	Scott,
Carver,	Littlejohn,	Smith,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	H. H. Stone,
Dimond,	Mack,	Vickery,
Dodge,	M. B. Martin,	Speaker, 27

The hour having arrived at which it had previously been determined that the legislature should meet in joint convention for the purpose of electing a State Treasurer,

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to wait upon the Senate, and inform them that the House was ready to meet them in joint convention.

The Speaker appointed as such committee Messrs. Lothrop and Spencer, who after a short absence, returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

The Honorable the Senate of the state of Michigan, was announced, and the Senators were conducted to seats.

PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The joint convention was called to order by the President of the Senate, and

The roll of the Senate having been called, it was found that Senators Danforth, Schwarz and Thomson were absent.

The roll of the House was then called, and Messrs. Burnett, Dennis, Frazer, Granger, Kingsley, Murray, Patterson, St. John, H. Stone and Taylor were absent.

Senator Eldredge moved that the convention now proceed to the election of a State Treasurer, which motion prevailed, and on calling the roll, the members of the convention severally rose in their places when their names were called, and voted as follows :

Senators.

FOR GEORGE B. COOPER.

Mr. Allen,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Parsons,	
Balch,	Fitzgerald,	Redfield,	
Berry,	Griswold	Robinson,	
Cook,	Hart,	Shoemaker,	
Denton,	Loomis,	Sinclair,	
Dunham,	McCabe,	Waldo,	18

FOR ELISHA P. CHAMPLIN.

Mr. Isbell,			1
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Representatives.

FOR GEORGE B. COOPER.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Palmer,	
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Pierce,	
Bennett,	Howard,	Powell,	
Bingham,	King,	Quackenboss,	
Brown,	Lane,	Russell,	
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Scott,	
Carver,	Lothrop,	Smith,	
Crouse,	Mack,	H. H. Stone,	
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	Strong,	
Dimond,	W. R. Martin,	Turner,	
Dodge,	McKinney,	Voorheis,	
Eldredge,	Morris,	Worden,	
Emmons,	Mowry,	Young,	
Enos,	Mulhollen,	Speaker,	
Ferris,	Noyes,		44

FOR ELISHA P. CHAMPLIN.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. Terry,	
Blades,	Mathews,	Vickery,	
Clark,	Patchen,	Warren,	
Hazen,	Spencer,	Williams,	12

And George B. Cooper having received a majority of all the votes, the President declared him to be duly elected State Treasurer of the state of Michigan, for the constitutional term.

On motion of Senator Balch,

The joint convention adjourned *sine die*.

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

A. W. HOVEY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The House was called to order by the Speaker, and resumed the consideration of the unfinished business.

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to certain public officers, being before the House, and the question being on concurring in the amendment reported by the committee of the whole, which amendment strikes out all after the resolving clause, and inserts the following, viz: "That it is hereby recommended to the electors at the next election for members of the legislature, to vote for or against a convention to revise the entire constitution;" it was non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The vote by which the foregoing amendment was non-concurred in, was reconsidered, and the question then recurring on non-concurring in said amendment, pending which,

Mr. Emmons moved to amend the first resolution by striking out of the fifth line the words "commissioner of the land office," and by striking out of the sixth line the words "masters in chancery and notaries public," which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The fourth line of the first resolution was amended by inserting after "court," the words "who shall be ineligible to any other than a judicial office during the term for which they are elected."

Mr. Vickery moved to strike out of the fourth line of the first resolution the words "justices of the supreme court," which motion did not prevail.

The question then recurring on concurring in the amendment reported by the committee of the whole, it was non-concurred in.

Mr. Lothrop moved to strike out the four last lines of the resolution.

Mr. Vickery raised a point of order on said motion, as follows :

“After the House has refused to strike out all after the resolving clause, the resolution is not susceptible of amendment.”

The Speaker decided that whenever the House has refused to strike out all after the resolving clause, the resolution is not susceptible of amendment.

Pending the question on the motion made by Mr. Lothrop,

On motion of Mr. King,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, February 17, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Burnett, Dennis, Granger, Kingsley, Murray, H. Stone and Taylor were absent on leave, and Messrs. Bennett and Eldredge were absent without leave.

Mr. Patterson asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Bennett for an indefinite period.

Mr. Lane for Mr. Eldredge, for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Speaker announced as the select committee to whom was yesterday referred the petition of John C. Davis, and others, relative to the Pontiac and Grand River road, Messrs. Baker, Warren and W. R. Martin.

The Speaker also announced as the select committee on the amendment to the tax system, Messrs. McKinney, Hazen and Howard.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of George C. Mann and one hundred others of Hillsdale county, for the extension of the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of William Thompson and one

hundred and eighty-five others, for an appropriation of internal improvement lands, for the improvement of certain roads in the county of Ottawa, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Littlejohn presented the claim of John N. Ingerroll, for attendance as a witness in the matter of the contested seat from Chippewa county, which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit river sectional floating dock, dry dock, and marine railway company ;

The bill to incorporate the Olivet institute ; and

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to the elective franchise.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back the petition of John McComsey and others, for the passage of a law requiring the highway commissioners of the township of schoolcraft to build a certain bridge in said township ; and

The petition of James J. Hoag and others, for the passage of an act authorizing the levying a tax for the construction of a wagon road from Michigan to Grandville, and reported adverse to the prayer of the petitions.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subjects.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported back the petition of John H. English and others, against the levying of a tax for the purpose of improving the Grand River turnpike, without action and asked to be discharged.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. King, from the committee on federal relations, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the joint resolution concerning the Sault de Ste Marie.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. King, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution relative to the government of the United States refunding to the state of

Michigan any and all sums of money expended by the state in fitting out the first regiment of Michigan volunteer infantry, in pursuance of a requisition made by the war department upon the Executive of this state.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, February 17, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a joint resolution relative to a sale of the salt spring lands lying east of the principle meridian ; and

Joint resolution relative to a donation of lands, by the general government, for the erection of a state asylum for the insane, blind, deaf and dumb ; which the Senate have severally adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am also instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the bill to authorize Robert R. Thompson and Titus Yerkes to erect and maintain a dam across the Shiawassee river, in the county of Shiawassee, and that said bill as amended has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the erection of a state asylum for the insane, blind, deaf and dumb, was read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the sale of the salt spring lands lying east of the principal meridian, was read twice and referred to the committee on public lands.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Resolved, That the use of this hall, for the evenings of the present week, is hereby offered Henry Weller, for the purpose of lecturing on the philosophy of the christian religion.

Mr. Crouse offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this House will hold two sessions daily from and after Saturday next, and that the afternoon sessions shall commence at half past two o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The resolution was amended by striking out "Saturday," and inserting "Wednesday,"

Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "half past." Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Littlejohn, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of the Kalamazoo river between the village of Allegan and Lake Michigan, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The following message was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, February 17, 1848. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

The Senate and House of Representatives are respectfully informed that I am prepared to submit to both branches of the legislature, in joint convention, a nomination for Adjutant General, at such time as shall suit their convenience.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

Mr. Hazard, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Bingham,

Resolved, That all bills which have been introduced into this House, and upon which there has been no final action, and all bills which may be introduced appropriating any portion of the internal improvement lands of this state, shall be referred to a select committee of seven with instructions to report with all convenient despatch.

Mr. Patchen offered the following resolution, which was not adopted :

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation of public internal improvement lands for the purpose of removing the obstructions which impede the navigation of the St. Joseph river, and that the committee be allowed to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Lothrop offered the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved, The Senate concurring, that the two Houses of the legislature will meet in joint convention in the hall of the House of Representatives on Friday the eighteenth instant at twelve o'clock, M., for the purpose of receiving and acting upon any nomination which the Executive may be pleased to make to them.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The fifteenth rule was suspended, and

The resolution was taken up, considered and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bingham,

The bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Campbell gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Eagle Harbor mining company.

The bill to incorporate the Olivet institute, was read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Clark,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Earris,
Frazer,
Harris,

Mr. Hazen,
Howard,
King,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Pierce,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Scott,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Terry,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Enos,
McKinney,

Mr. Patterson,

Mr. Powell,

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The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit river sectional floating dock, dry dock and marine railway company, was read the third time and passed by the following vote, two-thirds of all the members voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Powell,
Baldwin,	Hazen,	Quackenboss,
Barlow,	King,	Scott, ;
Bingham,	Lane,	Smith, ,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Brown,	Littlejohn,	St. John,
Campbell,	Mack,	H. H. Stone,
Carver,	M. B. Martin,	Strong,
Clark,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Crouse,	Mathews,	Turner,
Denton,	Morris,	Voorheis,
Dimond,	Mowry,	Warren,
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Williams,
Emmons,	Noyes,	Worden,
Enos,	Palmer,	Young,
Ferrie,	Patterson,	Speaker,
Frazer,	Pierce,	

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NAYS.

Mr. McKinney,

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The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to the elective franchise, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, it was not passed by the following vote, a majority of all the members elected not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. W. R. Martin,	Mr. Spencer,
Bingham,	Mathews,	Strong,
Blades,	McKinney,	Terry,
Clark,	Mowry,	Turner,
Emmons,	Palmer,	Voorheis,
Enos,	Patchen,	Warren,
Harris,	Patterson,	Williams,
Hazen,	Pierce,	Worden,
Lane,	Quackenboss,	Young,
Lawrence,	Russell,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Mulhollen,
Baldwin,	Howard,	Noyes,
Brown,	King,	Powell,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Scott,
Carver,	Lothrop,	Smith,

Crouse,
Denton,
Dodge,
Ferris,

Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Morris,

St. John,
H. H. Stone,
Vickery,

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Mr. Howard moved that the last vote be reconsidered.

Mr. Terry moved to lay the vote to reconsider on the table, which motion was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Blades,
Clark,
Denton,
Dimond,
Emmons,
Harris,
Hazen,
Howard,

Mr. Lane,
Lawrence,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Mowry,
Patchen,
Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Russell,

Mr. Spencer,
St. John,
Strong,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bingham,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Crouse,
Dodge,
Enos,
Ferris,

Mr. Frazer,
King,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mulhollen,
Noyes,

Mr. Palmer,
Patterson,
Powell,
Scott,
Smith,
H. H. Stone,
Turner,
Vickery,
Young,
Speaker,

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The question then recurring on the motion to reconsider, it prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

The House then took up as unfinished business, the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to certain public officers, and the question being on the motion made yesterday by Mr. Lothrop, to strike out the four last lines of the resolution, it prevailed.

The joint resolution was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bingham,
Blades,

Mr. Hazen,
Howard,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Mack,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,

Campbell,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,	
Carver,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,	
Clark,	Mathews,	Terry,	
Crouse,	McKinney,	Turner,	
Denton,	Mowry,	Vickery,	
Dodge,	Noyes,	Voorhies,	
Emmons,	Palmer,	Warren,	
Enos,	Patchen,	Williams,	
Ferris,	Patterson,	Worden,	
Frazer,	Pierce,	Young,	
Harris,	Powell,	Speaker,	48

NAYS.

Mr. King,	Mr. Lothrop,	Mr. Mulhollen,	
Littlejohn,	Morris,	Scott,	6

The bill for the improvement of the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb, was then taken up, and the question being on concurring in the amendments made in committee of the whole,

On motion of Mr. Mack,

They were concurred in, in gross.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The bill was then referred to the select committee on appropriations of internal improvement lands.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Crouse in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without action,

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for a certain piece of land ;

A bill for the improvement of the Paw Paw river ; and

A bill to provide for laying out and improving the Saginaw and Michigan state road ; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill relative to plank roads.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the Land Office to issue new certificates for a certain piece of land, was referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to report a substitute covering all similar cases.

The bill to provide for laying out and improving the Saginaw and Michigan state road, and

The bill for the improvement of the Paw Paw river;
Were referred to the select committee on appropriations of internal improvement lands.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Friday, February 18, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Bennett, Burnett, Dennis, Eldredge, Granger, Kingsley, H. Stone and Taylor, were absent on leave, and Mr. Emmons was absent without leave.

Mr. Mack asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Emmons for the day.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back the petition of R. C. Knight and others, for an alteration in a certain state road in the county of Calhoun, and reported adverse to the prayer of the petition.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Leave was granted to the petitioners to withdraw their papers from the files of the House.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported a bill to lay out and establish a certain state road ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the claim of John N. Ingersoll, as a witness in the case of the contested seat from Chippewa county, reported in favor of its allowance, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to embody the same in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the claim referred to the committee on ways and means with the instructions.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported a joint resolution relative to the claim of Samuel R. Munroe ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. King, from the committee on federal relations, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government, for the erection of a state asylum for the insane, blind, deaf and dumb.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Bingham, from the committee on public lands, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution relative to the sale of the salt spring lands lying east of the principal meridian.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Voorheis,

The following bills were taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order :

A bill to refund certain highway moneys in the county of Barry ;

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary of the county of Lapeer; and

A bill to provide for the laying out of private roads.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The bill relative to the village of Pontiac, was taken from the table referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The bill to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the erection, repairing and preservation of bridges, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Campbell, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Eagle Harbor mining company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Lothrop, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank road company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Morris,

The vote by which the following resolution was yesterday adopted, was reconsidered :

Resolved, That all bills which have been introduced into this House, and upon which there has been no final action, and all bills which may be introduced appropriating any portion of the internal improvement lands of this state, shall be referred to a select committee of seven, with instructions to report with all convenient despatch.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was not adopted.

Mr. Voorheis gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill appropriating internal improvement lands on the Detroit and Grand River road.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, through Bellevue and Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, to Michigan in the county of Ingham, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Hazen,

The bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Detroit and Saginaw turnpike, within the county of Saginaw, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill for the improvement of the Paw Paw river ; and

The bill to provide for laying out and improving the Saginaw and Michigan state road, were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The vote was reconsidered by which the bill for the improvement of the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb, was referred to the select committee on appropriations of internal improvement lands, and the question recurring on such reference of the bill, it was not referred.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Enos,
Ferris,

Mr. Frazer,
Harris,
Hazard,
Howard,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,

Mr. Murray,
Patchen,
Pierce,
Russell,
Scott,
St. John,
Terry,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Worden,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bingham,
Hazen,
King,
Lawrence,
Lothrop,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Noyes,
Palmer,
Patterson,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Smith,

Mr. Spencer,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Vickery,
Williams,
Young,

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The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, February 18, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return herewith a bill to incorporate the Woodstock manual labor institute, which the Senate have passed.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Woodstock manual labor institute, was ordered to be enrolled.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill relative to plank roads, and

On motion of Mr. Mack,

All the amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill, except the amendment to the first line of section thirteen, were concurred in, in gross.

The amendment to the first line of section thirteen was non-concurred in by the House.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Section sixteen was amended by adding thereto the following : "And any person residing within one mile of any such toll gate, shall be permitted the free use of such road in passing and re-passing such gate with teams and vehicles, in going to and returning from any place not more than one mile distant from such gate."

Mr. Lothrop moved to strike out section fourteen, and insert the following in lieu thereof :

"Sec. 14. Whenever any such plank road company may wish to use any part of a public highway, for the construction of their plank road over the same, such company shall apply to the supervisor and commissioners of highways of the township in which such highway is situated, and it shall be the duty of such supervisor and commissioners to examine so much of any such highway as may be wanted as aforesaid by such company, and if, in the opinion of a majority of such supervisor and commissioners, the public interest would not be prejudiced by granting the application of such company, said supervisor and commissioners, or a majority of them, may, in writing, signed by them, grant to such company a right to enter upon, take and use such highway for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and use of a plank road thereon, under the provisions of the charter of such company ; and upon filing such grant in the office of the township clerk of such township, the said company may at once enter upon, take and use such highway, for all the purposes aforesaid : Provided, That nothing herein contained shall prejudice any legal claim for private damages of any person on the line of such public highway, by reason of the granting the said highway to the use of any such company,"

Mr. Powell moved to amend the amendment by substituting the following for the proposed section :

"Sec. 14. No company incorporated under or by virtue of this act, shall construct any plank road without first having obtained the

right of way from the owner or owners of the respective lands through which such road may be laid out, nor shall any company obstruct or hinder the travel on any highway now laid out;"

Which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. H. H. Stone,
King,	Patchen,	Terry,
McKinney,	Patterson,	Vickery,
Morris,	Powell,	Voorheis,
Mulhollen,	St. John,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Noyes,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Pierce,
Blades,	Hazen,	Quackenboss,
Brown,	Howard,	Russell,
Campbell,	Lane,	Scott,
Carver,	Lawrence,	Smith,
Clark,	Littlejohn,	Spencer,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	Strong,
Denton,	Mack,	Warren,
Dimond,	M. B. Martin,	Williams,
Enos,	W. R. Martin,	Worden,
Ferris,	Mathews,	Young,
Frazer,	Mowry,	

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The question then recurring on the motion made by Mr. Lothrop, it prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

The first line of section five was amended by striking out "five" and inserting "three."

Mr. Powell moved to amend by adding the following to stand as section twenty-two :

"Sec. 22. No company which has or may be incorporated subject to the provisions of this act, shall be authorized or allowed to blockade any town or incorporated village of this state by obtaining possession of all the public highways leading to or from said village or town."

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The amendment was amended by striking out the word "blockade" and inserting "cannonade."

The question then recurring on the amendment as amended, it was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Spencer.

Section fifteen was amended by adding thereto the following: "and no obstruction shall be suffered unnecessarily to remain upon such plank road at any such intersection."

Mr. Powell moved to amend section sixteen by striking out of the sixth line the words "for every score of sheep or swine, one cent a mile."

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The words proposed to be stricken out were amended by striking out therefrom the word "one" and inserting "half a" in lieu thereof."

The question then recurring on the motion to strike out made by Mr. Powell, it was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The second line of section four was amended by inserting the words "proceed to estimate the length of the proposed road, and" after "shall."

Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend the first line of section five, by inserting "according to the length of the road as estimated by the commissioner, after the word "whenever," which motion prevailed.

Mr. McKinney moved to amend the second line of section seventeen, by striking out "one" before "per cent," and inserting "two," which motion was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The second line of section six was amended by inserting after "directors" the words "each share of the capital stock being entitled to one vote."

Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend the second line of section nine by inserting after "road" the words "the amount of money borrowed," which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The following was added to the bill, to stand as section twenty-two:

"Sec. 22. If the entire capital stock of any such company, shall not be subscribed at the time first provided for by this act, it shall be lawful for the board of directors of any such company, at any time to open books for the further subscriptions of the capital stock, first giving the notice required in the fourth section of this act."

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

All of section twenty-one down to and including the word "roads" was stricken out and the following inserted :

"Section 21. All plank road companies heretofore incorporated, may avail themselves of the provisions of this act, and shall be subject to the several restrictions and limitations specified therein, upon filing an assent thereto, signed by the president and secretary, in the office of the Secretary of State, within six months after the passage of this act."

Mr. Lane moved that the bill be laid on the table and printed, as amended, which motion was lost.

And the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The following resolution was taken from the table :

Resolved, That this House will hold two sessions daily, from and after Wednesday next, and that the afternoon session will commence at half past two o'clock, P. M.

And the question being on the motion to strike out "half past," it was withdrawn by the mover.

The resolution was then adopted.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Young in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Joseph Miller, John Cannon, David W. Noyes and Loren Andrews, certain lands selected for saline purposes ;

A joint resolution relative to the approval of the selections of the salt spring lands ;

A joint resolution relative to the compilation of the school laws.

Also, reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to incorporate the Northwestern mining company of Detroit; and

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to biennial sessions of the legislature.

And also reported back without action,

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor;

Which last named bill was,
On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,
Made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The joint resolution relative to the approval of the selection of the salt spring lands, was ordered to be read the third time.

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Joseph Miller, John Cannon, David W. Noyes and Loren Andrews, certain lands selected for saline purposes ; and

The joint resolution relative to the compilation of the school laws ;
Were severally ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendment reported by the committee of the whole to the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to biennial sessions of the legislature, was non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Noyes,
The last four lines of the resolution were stricken out.
On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,
The joint resolution was laid on the table.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to incorporate the Northwestern mining company of Detroit, were severally concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,
The bill relative to plank roads, was ordered to be printed after it should be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. King,
The House adjourned.

Saturday, February 19, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Bennett, Burnett, Dennis, Eldredge, Granger, Kingsley, H. Stone, and Taylor were absent on leave, and Messrs. Harris, Mack, W. R. Martin, Scott, Voorheis and Worden were absent without leave.

Mr. Baldwin asked and obtained leave of absence for Messrs. Mack and Voorheis for an indefinite period.

Mr. Lane for Mr. Scott, as above.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. King presented the petition of inhabitants of the borough of Michilimackinac, for the incorporation of said borough, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. King also presented the petition of Alexander McLeod and six ty-nine others of Mackinac, for permission to make a canal at Sheboygan river, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. McKinney presented the petition of thirty-two citizens of Van Buren county, for a change in the system of collection of taxes, so as to give to county treasurers exclusive control of all proceedings subsequent to the returns from the townships, which was referred to the select committee on the tax system.

Mr. Mulhollen presented the petition of Franklin Johnson and one hundred and three others of the county of Monroe, for the amendment of chapter thirty-nine of the revised statutes of 1846, and also for the amendment of the city charter of Monroe city, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Littlejohn presented the petition of certain Indian widows, minors and heirs at law of deceased Indian parents, for the passage of a law authorizing them to sell and convey certain real estate, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Littlejohn also presented the petition of inhabitants of Wayland and Dorr, in Allegan county, for aid in opening a road from Hastings, in Barry county, to the Holland Colony, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Lawrence presented the remonstrance of Henry W. Welles and eighty others against repealing the charter of the village of Ann Arbor, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the claim of Jesse Foote Turner, reported adverse to its allowance, and recommended that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and leave was granted to Mr. Turner to withdraw his papers from the files of the House.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, to whom

was referred the bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for certain school lands, &c., with instructions to report a general bill on the subject, reported a bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Campbell, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats, and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without action, the petition of P. B. Torry and sixteen others, for the passage of a law to divert a portion of the water of the St. Joseph river for hydraulic purposes, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the petition referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back with amendments, and recommended its passage, the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a certain state road in the counties of Berrien and Cass :

And also reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of the Kalamazoo river, between the village of Allegan and Lake Michigan.

Which reports were accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subjects, and the bills laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported a bill to improve the main traveled road from Hastings, in Barry county, to Battle Creek;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended that it do not pass, the bill to improve the Detroit and Saginaw road;

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the select committee on the judicial system, reported back without action, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, the petition of forty-three citizens of Plymouth and vicinity, praying for the repeal of the license law;

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the petition referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Mowry,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company, approved May 15, 1846, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The bill to amend chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Bingham gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a joint resolution requiring a report from the trustees of the Michigan Central College.

Mr. Dodge gave notice that he will on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill relative to the organization of new counties in the upper peninsula, and defining the boundaries of the same.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Joseph Miller, John Cannon, David W. Noyes and Loren Andrews, certain lands selected for saline purposes ;

The bill for the improvement of the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb ;

The bill to incorporate the Northwestern mining company of Detroit ;

The bill relative to plank roads ;

The joint resolution relative to the compilation of the school laws ;
and

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to certain public officers.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the bill to incor-

porate the Woodstock manual labor institute, was correctly enrolled and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The joint resolution relative to the approval of the selection of the salt spring lands, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, it was decided in the negative.

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Joseph Miller, John Cannon, David W. Noyes and Loren Andrews, certain lands selected for saline purposes, and

The joint resolution relative to the compilation of the school laws, Were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill for the improvement of the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb, was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Emmons,	Mr. McKinney,
Baldwin,	Enos,	Mowry,
Barlow,	Ferris,	Murray,
Bingham,	Frazer,	St. John,
Blades,	Harris,	H. H. Stone,
Campbell,	Hazard,	Strong,
Clark,	Howard,	Terry,
Crouse,	Lane,	Turner,
Denton,	Littlejohn,	Warren,
Dimond,	M. B. Martin,	Worden,
Dodge,	Mathews,	Speaker, 33

NAYS.

Mr. Carver,	Mr. Mulhollen,	Mr. Russell,
Hazen,	Noyes,	Smith,
King,	Patchen,	Spencer,
Lawrence,	Patterson,	Vickery,
Lothrop,	Powell,	Williams,
Morris,	Quackenboss,	17

The bill to incorporate the Northwestern mining company, of Detroit, was read the third time, when

Mr. Littlejohn moved a call of the House, which was had, when it was found that Messrs. W. R. Martin and Turner were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, it was passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Patterson,
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Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Clark,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Harris,

Hazen,
Howard,
King,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patchen,

Pierce,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Terry,
Vickery,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker.

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NAYS.

Mr. McKinney,

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The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to certain public officers, was read the third time, when

Mr. Terry, by unanimous consent moved to amend the joint resolution by striking out of the seventh line the word "justices," and inserting "judges," which amendment was agreed to.

The joint resolution as amended is in the following words :

"Resolved," By the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendment be and the same is hereby proposed to be made to the constitution of this state, viz : The legislature of this state for the year 1850, shall provide by law for the election by the people of the following officers, viz : judges of the supreme court, who shall be ineligible to any other than a judicial office, during the term for which they are elected ; Auditor General, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Prosecuting Attorneys.

And it is further hereby resolved, that the above proposed amendment to the constitution be referred to the next legislature, and to that end the Secretary of State is hereby required to cause the same to be published for three months previous to the next general election for members of the legislature."

The above joint resolution was then passed by the following vote, a majority of all the members elected voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pierce,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Powell,
Barlow,	Hazen,	Quackenboss,
Bingham,	Howard,	Russell,
Blades,	Lane,	Smith,
Brown,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	St. John,
Carver,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Mathews,	Strong,
Denton,	McKinney,	Terry,
Dimond,	Mowry,	Warren,
Dodge,	Noyes,	Williams,
Enos,	Palmer,	Worden,
Ferris,	Patchen,	Young,
Frazer,	Patterson,	Speaker, 45

NAYS.

Mr. King	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Vickery,
Littlejohn,	Mulhollen,	5

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, February 19, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Woodstock manual labor institute.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Patchen in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back

The bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Genesee to build a free bridge across the Flint river, at the village of Flint, to which they had made sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The amendments were concurred in, in gross.

Mr. Smith moved to amend the first line of section two, by striking out the word "five," and inserting "ten," which motion was lost.

The amendments were then ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Powell in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company; and

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to single representative districts; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state; and

A bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The House adjourned.

Monday, February 21, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Bennett, Burnett, Dennis, Eldredge, Granger, Kingsley, Mack, Scott, H. Stone, Taylor and Voorheis were absent on leave, and Messrs. Ferris, M. B. Martin, W. R. Martin and Terry were absent without leave.

Mr. Williams asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Terry for an indefinite period.

Mr. Brown for Mr. Ferris as above.

Mr. Bingham, for Mr. W. R. Martin, as above.

Mr. Campbell for Mr. M. B. Martin, for to-day.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The Speaker presented the petition of one hundred and thirty-one citizens of Detroit, for the passage of a law compelling the inspection of flour for exportation, which was referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. McKinney presented a petition of sixty-four citizens of Van

Buren county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Paw Paw to some point on the Central rail road, at or near where said rail road crosses the road leading from the said village to Little Prairie Ronde, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. McKinney also presented a petition of eighty-eight citizens of Van Buren county, for the repeal of the act to revive the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes of 1846, in certain counties so far as the aforesaid act relates to Van Buren county, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Quackenboss presented the petition of forty-five inhabitants of Lenawee county, for the amendment of an act for draining swamps, marshes and other low lands in Blissfield, Riga, Ogden and Ridgeway, which was referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Dimond presented the petition of J. Henderson and twenty others, and of M. H. Miles and forty-six others, for the organization of a new county from the counties of St. Clair and Sanilac, which petitions were referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Emmons presented a claim of A. S. Johnson, for services as deputy sheriff in attending the supreme court while sitting as a court of chancery, which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Emmons also presented the petition of George W. Pond and others, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road on the line of the Detroit and Grand River road, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Emmons also presented a petition of Thomas C. Robinson, John Edwards and others, for a law to compel the inspection of flour, which was referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Baldwin presented the petition of Charles L. Palmer, and twenty-five others, for the passage of a law authorizing the treasurer of Oakland county to receive moneys due the university and primary school funds, which was referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The House amendment to the Senate bill to authorize the supervi-

sors of Genesee county to build a free bridge across the Flint river, at the village of Flint.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back with amendments, and recommended its passage, the bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road; and

Also, reported a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving certain roads in the county of Ottawa, and for building a bridge and causeway at Grand Haven in said county.

Which reports were accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subjects, and the bills laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan February 19, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a concurrent resolution designating the hour for the meeting of the two Houses in joint convention, for the purpose of listening to the reading of the farewell address of Washington, by some person to be appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House; which the Senate have adopted, and in which they ask the concurrence of the House.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The concurrent resolution received from the Senate was read, when

Mr. Littlejohn moved a suspension of the rule, which motion prevailed, and

The resolution was taken up, considered and adopted by the House.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 21, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to amend an act relative to the amount due the university fund from the county of Lenawee ;

A bill to prevent waste upon university and primary school lands ;
and

The bill to amend section forty-two, chapter twelve of the revised statutes.

I am also instructed to return the bill to incorporate the Olivet Institute, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Olivet institute was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to prevent waste upon university and primary school lands, was read twice and referred to the committee on public lands.

The Senate bill to amend an act relative to the amount due the university fund from the county of Lenawee, was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

The Senate bill to amend section forty-two of chapter twelve of the revised statutes, was read twice and referred to the committee on printing.

Mr. Bingham, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution requiring a report from the trustees of the Michigan central college, which was read twice, when

On motion of Mr. Bingham,

The rules were suspended, and the joint resolution ordered to be engrossed and read the third time to day.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported the joint resolution as correctly engrossed.

And it was placed on the order of bills for a third reading.

Mr. Baldwin, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Emmons, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave

to introduce a bill to incorporate the Douglass Houghton mining company, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Spencer offered the following resolution which was not adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to report a resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution of this state by which no appropriations for works of internal improvement shall be made by the state, leaving such works to the enterprise of individuals with corporate powers if necessary.

Mr. Emmons gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Marshall manufacturing company, in the county of Calhoun.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The bill to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes, entitled of the relief of insolvent debtors, on the application of an insolvent and his creditors, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The bill to lay out and establish a certain state road was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Hazen,

The bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Denton gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill making an appropriation of internal improvement lands to build a bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac.

On motion of Mr. King,

Resolved, That the committee on supplies and expenditures be instructed to purchase two copies of Farmer's map of Michigan and surrounding country, and two copies of Farmer's geological map of the mineral region ; said maps to be deposited in the library for the use of the legislature.

Mr. Campbell gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize the district board of Union school district number one, in Battle Creek and Emmett, to borrow a certain sum of money.

The joint resolution requiring a report from the trustees of the Michigan Central College, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to authorize the supervisors of Genesee county to build a bridge across the Flint river at the village of Flint, was,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Re committed to the committee on internal improvement, with instructions to strike out of the second section the words "one half of the actual."

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The twenty-seventh rule was suspended, when

Mr. Lothrop moved that the vote ordering the bill relative to plank roads to be engrossed and read the third time, be reconsidered, which motion prevailed, and

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back the bill to authorize the supervisors of Genesee county to build a bridge across the Flint river at the village of Flint, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House, and the bill was then read the third time, when

Mr. Noyes moved that it be recommitted to the committee on internal improvement, with instructions to strike out of the first line of section two, the word "five" and insert "three," which motion was lost.

The question then being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. Young moved a call of the House, which was had, and it was found that Messrs. Barlow, King and Pierce, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Young,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

After some discussion,

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

A call of the House was had, when Messrs. Baker, Campbell, Denton, Frazer, Pierce and St. John were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The Sergeant-at-arms was despatched for the absentees.

After a short time the Sergeant-at-arms returned, and reported that the absentees were all present except Mr. Pierce, who was sick.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The bill was then passed by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Emmons,	Mr. McKinney,	
Baldwin,	Enos,	Mowry,	
Barlow,	Frazer,	Murray,	
Blades,	Harris,	H. H. Stone,	
Campbell,	Hazard,	Turner,	
Crouse,	Howard,	Warren,	
Denton,	Lane,	Worden,	
Dimond,	Littlejohn,	Speaker,	
Dodge,	Mathews,		26

NAYS.

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Russell,	
Brown,	Mulhollen,	Smith,	
Carver,	Noyes,	Spencer,	
Clark,	Palmer,	St. John,	
Hazen,	Patchen,	Strong,	
King,	Patterson,	Vickery,	
Lawrence,	Powell,	Williams,	
Lothrop,	Quackenboss,	Young,	24

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, February 22, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Bennett, Burnett, Eldredge, Ferris, Granger, Kingsley, Mack, Scott, H. Stone, Taylor, Terry and Voorheis, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Emmons and Pierce, were absent without leave.

Mr. Campbell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Pierce, for an indefinite period, on account of ill health.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Vickery presented the petition of Doctor Lambourn and sixty-two other citizens of Cass county, for the repeal of the militia tax ;

And a remonstrance of Doctor Lambourn and ninety others, of Cass county, of whom twenty are females, against the restoration of capital punishment ;

Which petition and remonstrance were read and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. W. R. Martin presented a petition of B. E. Rich and others, praying for the appropriation of non-resident taxes on a certain road in the county of Eaton, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Campbell presented a petition of O. C. Comstock and one hundred and fourteen others, for a tax on dogs, and for other purposes, which was referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

Mr. Williams presented a petition of John King and others, for the construction of a plank road on the line of the Vistula road, so called, upon the south line of Hillsdale county, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Dimond presented the petition of Clark M. Mills and one hundred and fifty five others, for an appropriation of lands for the purpose of building a pier at Lexington, in St. Clair county, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Campbell presented the petition of D. A. Winslow and forty-five others ; of Levi F. Hall and thirty others ; and of Daniel Cunningham and twenty others, for a state road from Hastings to Charlotte, which petitions were referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Mathews presented a petition of E. Northrop and seventy-eight other citizens of Ingham county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Dexter to Michigan, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Morris presented the petition of William Gay and others, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road in Hillsdale county, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. M. B. Martin presented three petitions of citizens of Shiawassee county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road in Shiawassee county, which were referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

to introduce a bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Oakland to build a free bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Dodge,

The joint resolution concerning the Saut de Ste Marie, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of the Kalamazoo river, between the village of Allegan and Lake Michigan, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company, and ordered it to be engrossed and read the third time.

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to single representative districts, being under consideration, it was,

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Recommitted to the committee on the judiciary with instructions to report a joint resolution providing for single senatorial and representative districts.

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, was taken up, and the question being on the amendment made in committee of the whole, it was,

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Laid on the table.

The amendment to, being a substitute for the Senate bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, reported by the committee of the whole, was concurred in, the amendment ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Carver in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and by their

chairman reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

The bill for the improvement of the Paw Paw river.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

The amendments reported were concurred in, in gross.

Mr. Smith moved to amend the first section of the bill by striking out of the second line the word "ten" and inserting "twenty," which motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

It was ordered that there be two additional members appointed on the committee on banks and incorporations.

The hour having arrived which had been fixed for the two Houses to meet in joint convention to hear Washington's Farewell Address read,

Mr. Lothrop moved that a committee of two be appointed to wait on the Senate and inform them that the House was now ready to meet them in joint convention ; and also, to wait on the Governor and heads of departments, and invite them to attend in the hall of the House during the reading of the address.

The Speaker appointed as such committee, Messrs. Lothrop and Lawrence; who after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

The Honorable the Senate of the state of Michigan was then announced, and the Senators were conducted to seats.

And the Governor and other invited guests having been seated,

The joint convention was called to order by Senator Denton, President *pro tempore* of the Senate, who stated the objects for which the two Houses had met.

The rolls of the Senate and House of Representatives having been called,

The President announced that Senator Thomson had been designated as reader ; and

The Honorable Senator thereupon proceeded to read Washington's Farewell Address.

When the reading had been concluded,

Mr. Lothrop offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate and House of Representatives be and they are hereby tendered to Senator Thomson, for the able and impressive manner in which he has read to us the Farewell Address of General Washington to his countrymen.

On motion of Senator Fitzgerald,

The joint convention adjourned *sine die*.

The House was then called to order by the Speaker, and

On motion of Mr. Harris,

Adjourned.

Wednesday, February 23, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Bennett, Eldredge, Ferris, Granger, Mack, Pierce, Scott, H. Stone, Taylor, Terry and Voorheis, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Harris and Worden were absent without leave.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Hazen presented the petition of Sidney S. Drake and others, for a charter for a company to construct a plank road from the Indiana state line to the line of Hillsdale county; which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Littlejohn presented the petition of citizens of Allegan, praying for the imposition of a tax upon dealers in intoxicating liquors, for defraying the county expenses for pauperism and crime, and for the passage of a law rendering such dealers amenable in a civil action for all the consequential injuries arising from such traffic; which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Hazard presented the petition of inhabitants of the village of Howell and vicinity, for the incorporation of the Howell Academy; which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to provide for the annual payment to the several county treasurers of certain principal and interest moneys belonging to the university and school funds, respectively.

Which was read twice, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. King, from the committee on federal relations, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution for the construction of a road from some eligible point on Green Bay, Lake Michigan, to L'Ance, on Kewaweenon Bay, Lake Superior.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Bingham, from the committee on public lands, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate preamble and joint resolution relative to the university lands lying near Toledo, in Ohio.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the preamble and joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill for incorporating the borough of Michilimackinac ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dennis, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the Eagle Harbor mining company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Quackenboss, from the committee on education, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to organize a school district from portions of the counties of St. Clair and Macomb,

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 22, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return herewith a joint resolution rel-

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate and House of Representatives be and they are hereby tendered to Senator Thomson, for the able and impressive manner in which he has read to us the Farewell Address of General Washington to his countrymen.

On motion of Senator Fitzgerald,

The joint convention adjourned *sine die*.

The House was then called to order by the Speaker, and

On motion of Mr. Harris,

Adjourned.

Wednesday, February 23, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Bennett, Eldredge, Ferris, Granger, Mack, Pierce, Scott, H. Stone, Taylor, Terry and Voorheis, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Harris and Worden were absent without leave.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Hazen presented the petition of Sidney S. Drake and others, for a charter for a company to construct a plank road from the Indiana state line to the line of Hilledale county; which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Littlejohn presented the petition of citizens of Allegan, praying for the imposition of a tax upon dealers in intoxicating liquors, for defraying the county expenses for pauperism and crime, and for the passage of a law rendering such dealers amenable in a civil action for all the consequential injuries arising from such traffic; which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Hazard presented the petition of inhabitants of the village of Howell and vicinity, for the incorporation of the Howell Academy; which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to provide for the annual payment to the several county treasurers of certain principal and interest moneys belonging to the university and school funds, respectively.

Which was read twice, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

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Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

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Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 22, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return herewith a joint resolution rel-

ative to the compilation of the school laws, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution relative to the compilation of the school laws was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Crouse,

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the state road leading from the village of St. Joseph, in Berrien county, to the village of LaGrange in the county of Cass, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hazard gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Howell Academy.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The bill to provide for the annual payment to the several county treasurers of certain principal and interest moneys belonging to the university and school funds respectively, was taken from the table, and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The rule was suspended to enable the bill to be read the third time to-day.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill for the improvement of the Paw Paw river ;

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company ;

The bill to provide for the annual payment to the several county treasurers, of certain principal and interest moneys belonging to the university and school funds, respectively ; and

The House amendments to the Senate bill for the repeal of the

levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state.

Mr. Patterson, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend section five of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment of taxes, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes was taken from the table, recommitted to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

The bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, and

The bill to provide for the annual payment to the several county treasurers, of certain principal and interest moneys belonging to the university and school funds respectively;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company, was read the third time, when

Mr. Lothrop, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the same by inserting the following to stand as sections two and three, which amendment was agreed to, viz:

Section 2. On or before the first Tuesday in January, in each year, it shall be the duty of the board of directors of said company to report to the Secretary of State, verified by the oath of any two of such directors, the cost of their road, the amount of money borrowed, the amount of all money expended, the amount of their capital stock, and how much paid in, and how much expended, the whole amount of toll or earnings expended on such road, the amount received during the year for tolls, and from all other sources, stating each separately; the amount of dividends made, and the amount set apart for a reparation fund, and the amount of indebtedness of said company, specifying the object for which the indebtedness accrued.

Sec. 3. Said company shall pay to the Treasurer of the state of Michigan, an annual tax at the rate of one per cent. on the whole amount of capital paid in upon the capital stock of said company, and also upon all sums of money borrowed by said company; which tax

shall be paid on the first day of July in each year, and shall be estimated upon the last preceding report of such company, and said state tax shall be in lieu of all other taxes upon all the property of said company; and any investment of any portion of the nett profits of said company in the business of said company, shall be considered as so much capital paid in, and shall be returned to the State Treasurer accordingly.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, it was passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Clark,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Frazer,
Hazard,

Mr. Hazen,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Noyes,

Mr. Palmer,
Patchen,
Patterson,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Turner,
Warren,
Williams,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Lothrop,

Mr. Vickery,

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The bill for the improvement of the Paw Paw river was read the third time, and the question being on its passage,

Mr. Emmons asked to be excused from voting, but the House refused to excuse him.

The bill was then passed by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,

Mr. Emmons,
Enos,
Frazer,
Hazard,
Howard,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,

Mr. McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,
Palmer,
Patchen,
H. H. Stone,
Turner,
Warren,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Burnett,
Carver,
Clark,
Dennis,
Hazen,
King,
Kingsley,

Mr. Lawrence,
Mulhollen,
Noyes,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,

Mr. Spencer,
St. John,
Strong,
Vickery,
Williams,
Young,

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The Speaker announced as the additional members of the committee on banks and incorporations, Messrs. Lothrop and Burnett.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Littlejohn in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back without amendment,

A joint resolution relative to the government of the United States refunding to the state of Michigan any and all sums of money expended by the state in fitting out the first regiment of Michigan volunteer infantry, in pursuance of a requisition made by the war department upon the Executive of this state ;

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary of the county of Lapeer;

A bill to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the erection, repairing and preservation of bridges ;

A bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846 ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Detroit and Saginaw turnpike, within the county of Saginaw.

And also reported back with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A joint resolution relative to the sale of the salt spring lands lying east of the principal meridian ;

A joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the erection of a state asylum for the insane, blind, deaf and dumb ;

A bill to provide for the laying out of private roads ;

A bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes, in the several counties of this state ;

A bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute ; and

A bill relative to the village of Pontiac.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Detroit and Saginaw turnpike, within the county of Saginaw, and

The bill to establish a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary of the county of Lapeer,

Were severally ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, was,

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

The bill to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the erection, repairing and preservation of bridges, was,

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Laid on the table.

The joint resolution relative to the government of the United States refunding to the state of Michigan any and all sums of money expended by the state in fitting out the first regiment of Michigan volunteer infantry, in pursuance of a requisition made by the war department, upon the Executive of this state, was ordered to be read the third time.

The amendment reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute, was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments reported to the bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes, in the several counties in this state, were severally concurred in, the amendments ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

The amendments reported to the joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government, for the erection of a state asylum for the insane, blind, deaf and dumb, were concurred in, the amendments ordered to be engrossed, and the joint resolution ordered to be read the third time.

The amendment reported to the joint resolution relative to the sale of the salt spring lands lying east of the principal meridian, being under consideration, which amendment inserts after the word "resolved," the following, "by the House of Representatives."

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The amendment was amended by adding thereto the words "of the state of Michigan."

The amendment as amended was then concurred in, ordered to be engrossed, and the joint resolution ordered to be read the third time.

The first and third amendments reported to the bill to provide for the laying out of private roads, were severally concurred in, and the second amendment was non-concurred in.

Mr. Vickery moved to strike out of the second line of section one, the word "private," and insert "public," which motion was lost.

The question then being upon ordering the bill to be engrossed and read the third time, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Campbell, by unanimous consent, moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the consideration of the bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, through Bellevue and Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, to Michigan, in the county of Ingham, and it was recommitted to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Hazen moved an adjournment, but the House refused to adjourn.

The amendment reported by the committee of the whole to the bill relative to the village of Pontiac, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The second section was amended by adding thereto the words "except as provided in the first section of this act."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Dodge,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, February 24, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Bennett, Eldredge, Ferris, Mack, Pierce, Scott, Terry and Voorheis were absent on leave, and Mr. Clark was absent without leave.

Mr. Quackenboss asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Clark, for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Emmons presented the petition of L. H. l'on, and others, for the laying out of a state road from the south side of section sixteen in town four north, of range two west, to the outlet of the Kalamazoo river, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Frazer presented the petition of P. C. Andre and twenty-three others, asking the extension of the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Denton presented the petition of William Herrington and others citizens of Oakland and Macomb counties, for an extension of the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of George Carlyle and seventy-two other citizens of the township of Wabacia, in Kent county, for the extension of the boundaries of that township, which was referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Mathews presented the petition of S. Crossman and ninety-three others, for the laying out of a state road from Ingham Centre to Okeemas, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Mathews also presented the petition of S. Marsh and one hundred and five others, for an appropriation of ten thousand acres of land for the improvement of the state road from Mason to Okeemas, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Mathews also presented the following petitions, which were referred to the committee on banks and incorporations, viz :

Of J. W. Phelps and forty-seven others, for the incorporation of a company to build a plank road from Jackson to Michigan, and

Of P. Lowe and others, and of H. A. Hawley and others, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Dexter to Michigan.

Mr. Baldwin presented the petition of George H. Saterlee and two hundred and twenty-six others, and of Peter Donley and seventy-eight others, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Detroit to Birmingham, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Dimond presented the petition of William Smith and fourteen others, of the county of St. Clair, for an appropriation of internal improvement lands on a certain state road, which was referred to the committee on interal improvement.

Mr. Dimond also presented the petition of Isaac Lenty and one hundred and twenty-nine others, of the county of St. Clair, for a division of the township of Lexington, in said county, which was referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Harris presented the remonstrance of Truman H. Lyon and thirty-four others, against the extension of the corporate limits of the village of Grand Rapids, so as to include their property in said corporation, which was referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Quackenboss presented the petition of Charles Spafford and eighty-three others, for the incorporation of a company to build a block of buildings in Tecumseh, to be called the union hall association, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the claim of James Parshall, reported adverse to its allowance, asked to be discharged from its further consideration and recommended that the claimant have leave to withdraw his papers.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and leave was granted to the claimant to withdraw his papers from the files of the House.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back sundry petitions, for the repeal or modification of the license laws, and reported that in the opinion of the committee it was inexpedient to legislate on the subject.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to single representative districts, together with a substitute therefor as contemplated by the instructions of the House, entitled a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to single senatorial and representative districts.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, the joint resolution and substitute laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without action, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration, sundry petitions for, and remonstrances against the repeal of the law abolishing capital punishment.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit river sectional floating dock, dry dock, and marine railway company, and

The joint resolution relative to the compilation of the school laws,

Were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill relative to the village of Pontiac ;

The bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute ;

The bill to establish a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary of the county of Lapeer ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Detroit and Saginaw turnpike within the county of Saginaw ;

The House amendment to the Senate bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties of this state ;

The House amendments to the Senate joint resolution relative to the sale of the salt spring lands lying east of the principal meridian ; and

The House amendments to the Senate joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the erection of a state asylum for the insane, blind and deaf and dumb.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back with amendments and recommended its passage, the bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for the purposes of improving a state road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, through Bellevue and Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, to Michigan, in the county of Ingham.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill and amendments were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. McKinney, from the select committee on the tax system, submitted a report, which was accepted, and

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

One hundred and fifty extra copies of the report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. McKinney, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, February 22, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Olivet institute.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

Mr. Emmons, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Marshall manufacturing company in the county of Calhoun, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. W. R. Martin gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill for the improvement of a road from Michigan to Jackson by the way of Eaton Rapids.

Mr. Russell gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to limit the amount per cent of township and county taxes in any one year.

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

Resolved, That the committee on internal improvement be instructed to report a bill for the appropriation of five thousand acres of internal improvement land for the improvement of the road from Mason to Michigan.

Mr. Hazard, pursuant to previous notice asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Howell academy, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

The bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to make certain improvements in the town of Michigan, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving a certain road in the county of Ottawa, and building a bridge and causeway at Grand Haven, in said county, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed the general order.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The bill to provide for organizing the militia and to encourage the formation of uniform companies in this state, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the alteration of a portion of a state road in the county of Eaton.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the government of the United States refunding to the state of Michigan any and all moneys expended by this state in fitting out the first regiment of Michigan volunteer infantry, in pursuance of a requisition of the war department upon the Executive of this state, and

And the bill to establish a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary of the county of Lapeer, were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute was read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,

Mr. Hazen,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lawrence,

Mr. Patterson,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Scott,
Smith,

Burnett,
Campbell,
Carver,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,

Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patchen,

Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Turner,
Vickery,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. McKinney,

Mr. Powell,

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The joint resolution relative to the sale of the salt spring lands lying east of the principal meridian, was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Amended by striking out the preamble.

The joint resolution was then passed.

The joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the erection of a state asylum for the insane, blind and deaf and dumb, was read the third time and passed.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Detroit and Saginaw turnpike within the county of Saginaw, was read the third time, when

Mr. Littlejohn, by unanimous consent, moved to amend section three by striking out therefrom the words "Flint Republican," and inserting "North Star, printed at Saginaw," which amendment was agreed to, and

The bill was then passed.

The bill relative to the village of Pontiac, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties in this state, was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bingham,

Mr. Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,

Mr. Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Hazard, pursuant to previous notice asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Howell academy, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

The bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to make certain improvements in the town of Michigan, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving a certain road in the county of Ottawa, and building a bridge and causeway at Grand Haven, in said county, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed the general order.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The bill to provide for organizing the militia and to encourage the formation of uniform companies in this state, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the alteration of a portion of a state road in the county of Eaton.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the government of the United States refunding to the state of Michigan any and all moneys expended by this state in fitting out the first regiment of Michigan volunteer infantry, in pursuance of a requisition of the war department upon the Executive of this state, and

And the bill to establish a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary of the county of Lapeer, were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute was read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,

Mr. Hazen,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lawrence,

Mr. Patterson,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Scott,
Smith,

Burnett,
Campbell,
Carver,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,

Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patchen,

Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Turner,
Vickery,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. McKinney, Mr. Powell, 2

The joint resolution relative to the sale of the salt spring lands lying east of the principal meridian, was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Amended by striking out the preamble.

The joint resolution was then passed.

The joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the erection of a state asylum for the insane, blind and deaf and dumb, was read the third time and passed.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Detroit and Saginaw turnpike within the county of Saginaw, was read the third time, when

Mr. Littlejohn, by unanimous consent, moved to amend section three by striking out therefrom the words "Flint Republican," and inserting "North Star, printed at Saginaw," which amendment was agreed to, and

The bill was then passed.

The bill relative to the village of Pontiac, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties in this state, was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bingham,

Mr. Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,

Mr. Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,
Quackenbush,

Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Carver,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazen,

Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,
Noyes,

Scott,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Frazer,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Patterson,
Smith,

Mr. Spencer,
Vickery,

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The House then took up for consideration the special order of the day, being the bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Brerry and Allegan, and making appropriation therefor, and the question being on concurring in the following amendments, viz :

Strike out from and including the word "from," in the fifth line of section one, to and including the word "Vermontville," in the tenth line, and insert the following, viz : "From the capitol upon the line of the Battle Creek and Capitol route, southwesterly, until it intersects the east and west section line, two miles north of the north line of township two north, thence west on said section line to the northeast corner of section twenty-eight, in the township of Vermontville, thence following the public highway to the village of Vermontville."

Mr. W. R. Martin moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words, "to the northwest corner of section twenty-eight," and insert "to the quarter stake on north side of section twenty-seven," which motion prevailed.

The amendment as amended was then concurred in.

Mr. Powell moved to strike out of the second line of section four, the word "four," and insert "five," which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

Section four was amended by inserting after the word "Eaton," the following :

"Between the village of Vermontville and the point where said road intersects the Battle Creek road leading to Michigan."

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The seventh section was amended by striking out of the third and fourth lines, and out of the seventh line, the words "commissioner of the land office," and inserting "auditor general," and by inserting after the word "par," in the eighth line, the words "the commissioner of the land office."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 24, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return herewith a concurrent resolution fixing the time of the meeting of the two Houses in joint convention to receive and act on any nomination which the Executive may make, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have adopted the same with amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution returned with the foregoing message, was concurred in.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Lothrop in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to authorize Joel Andrews, of the county of Ionia, to convey certain real estate ; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company, approved May 15, 1846.

Also reported back with sundry amendments in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to provide for laying out and improving the Saginaw and Michigan state road ;

A bill to amend chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes ; and

A bill to refund certain highway moneys in the county of Barry ;
and

Also reported that they had had under consideration a bill to incorporate the Douglass Houghton mining company, on which they had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again thereon, which leave was granted.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on banks and incorporations, by unanimous consent, reported back with sundry amendments, the bill relative to plank roads.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill and amendments were laid on the table.

Mr. Dennis, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Half past two o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Bennett, Clark, Eldredge, Ferris, Mack, Pierce, Terry and Voorheis were absent on leave.

The bill to authorize Joel Andrews, of the county of Ionia, to convey certain real estate, was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The first, second and third amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill to provide for laying out and improving the Saginaw and Michigan state road, were severally concurred in ; and

The question being on concurring in the fourth amendment, which strikes out all of the bill after section three :

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Frazer,

The bill was laid on the table.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company, approved May 15, 1846, being before the House,

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

It was amended by adding the following to stand as sections four and five, viz :

Section 4. On or before the first Tuesday in January, in each year, it shall be the duty of the board of directors of said company to report to the Secretary of State, verified by the oath of any two of such directors, the cost of their road, the amount of money borrowed, the amount of all money expended, the amount of their capital stock, and how much paid in, and how much expended, the whole amount of toll or earnings expended on such road, the amount received during the year for tolls, and from all other sources, stating each separately ; the amount of dividends made, and the amount set apart for a reparation fund, and the amount of indebtedness of said company, specifying the object for which the indebtedness accrued.

Sec. 5. Said company shall pay to the Treasurer of the state of Michigan, an annual tax at the rate of one per cent. on the whole amount of capital paid in upon the capital stock of said company, and also upon all sums of money borrowed by said company ; which tax shall be paid on the first day of July in each year, and shall be estimated upon the last preceding report of such company, and said state tax shall be in lieu of all other taxes upon all the property of said company ; and any investment of any portion of the nett profits of said company in the business of said company, shall be considered as so much capital paid in, and shall be returned to the State Treasurer accordingly.

Mr. Denton moved to amend the first section by striking out all after the word "Oakland" in the sixth line, which motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Dimond,
Enos,
Harris,
Hazard,
Hazen,

Mr. Howard,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Noyes,
Patchen,
Scott,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Warren,
Worden,
Young,

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
 Barlow,
 Carver,
 Dennis,
 Denton,
 Dodge,
 Emmons,
 Frazer,

Mr. Granger,
 McKinney,
 Murray,
 Patterson,
 Powell,
 Quackenboss,
 Russell,

Mr. Smith,
 Spencer,
 H. H. Stone,
 Turner,
 Vickery,
 Williams,
 Speaker,

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The House took up the bill to amend chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes ; and

The question being on concurring in the amendment reported by the committee of the whole, striking out all after the enacting clause,

Mr. Young moved that the bill be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

The amendment was then concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the vote of indefinite postponement be reconsidered, which motion was lost.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill to refund certain highway moneys in the county of Barry, were,

On motion of Mr. Barlow,

Concurred in, in gross.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill relative to plank roads, together with the amendments thereto, reported by the committee on banks and incorporations, was taken from the table ; and

The question being on concurring in the amendments, they were severally concurred in, except the first amendment to section sixteen, and the amendment proposing a new section to stand as section twenty-four.

The first amendment to section sixteen was,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Amended by striking out "one and a half" before "cents," and inserting "two."

And the amendment as amended was then concurred in.

The new section twenty-four, as reported by the committee, was in the words following :

Section 24. Every such company shall keep its road at all times in good and proper repair, and whenever any such company shall neglect to do so, any person may complain thereof by making an affidavit of such neglect and filing the same with the county judge of any county in which the portions of such road alleged to be out of repair is situated, and at the same time filing security for all costs for which the complainant may become liable in the proceeding; and thereupon such county judge shall appoint three disinterested persons as commissioners to proceed and examine such road, and with all convenient despatch to make a report of its condition to said judge, and if upon such report such judge shall be satisfied that such road is not in proper repair, he shall at once make an order under the seal of his court that such and so many of the toll gates on the said road as he shall think proper shall be forthwith thereon open, and no tolls shall be collected at such gates until the further order of said judge; and such gates shall remain open until said commissioners (or other commissioners, to be appointed by the county judge when necessary) shall report that the road has been properly repaired, when such judge shall forthwith make an order permitting the company again to close its gates and collect tolls thereat. Service of such orders may be made by any officer qualified to serve the usual process of the county court, and the fees therefor shall be the same as for the service of a summons. And for any and every act of disobedience of any order for opening any toll gates and for the suspension of the collections of tolls, after service of such order, the company shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five dollars to the person who may be aggrieved by such act of disobedience, to be recovered in an action of assumpsit before any justice of the peace for the county where such grievance occurs. The fees of each of the commissioners shall be one dollar a day for every day of actual service, and the fees of the county judge three dollars on every such complaint. If on any such application the said road shall be found out of proper repair, the company shall pay all costs, but otherwise the complainant shall be liable for all costs; and the county judge is authorized summarily to enter judgment for the amount of costs against the proper party and to collect the same by execution as in other cases: Provided, that when the complainant shall be liable for costs, judgment therefor shall be rendered both against him and his surety or sureties.

Mr. Littlejohn moved to substitute therefor the following :

Section 24. The board of directors of any such company shall at all times after the erection of any toll gate or gates upon any plank road, and the exaction of toll thereat, keep such portions of the road in good repair ; and in case of any dilapidation of the superstructure, or the breaking or removal of any plank or other portion of the surface of said road, so as to endanger the safe passage of any team, animals or vehicle, it shall be the duty of said directors, without unnecessary delay, to make such repairs as shall restore said road to its proper condition ; and in case said board of directors shall fail to comply with the provisions of this section, they shall for every such neglect or refusal be liable to a forfeiture of ten dollars, to be recovered in an action of debt, by any person aggrieved or injured : Provided, that in all cases one of said board of directors shall first have been notified of any such defect, and the necessary time for its repair shall have fully elapsed after such notice and before the commencement of such suit.

Which substitute was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

The words "at the expense of said company" were inserted after "examine," in the fourth line of section fourteen.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The words "two and not more than," were inserted before "four," in the first line of section fifteen."

Mr. Powell moved to add the following proviso to section fourteen, which was not agreed to, viz :

"And provided further, that the supervisor and commissioner shall not grant the right of way unless by consent of the inhabitants living on the line of said road."

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

Section fourteen was amended by inserting after "highway" in the first, third, fourth, eighth, tenth and twelfth lines the words "or streets," and by inserting after "highway" in the first line, after "township" in the third line, after "commissioners" in the fourth and fifth lines, and after "of," in the seventh line, the words "or common council of any incorporated city, as the case may be."

Mr. H. Stone moved to strike out the three last lines of section sixteen, which are as follows :

"And any person residing within one mile of any such toll gate shall be permitted the free use of any such road in passing and repassing such gate with teams and vehicles in going to or returning from any place not more than one mile distant from such gate.

Pending which,

Mr. Taylor moved to amend by striking out "one" before the word "mile" and insert "half a," which motion was lost.

And the question recurring on striking out the three last lines, it did not prevail.

Mr. Baldwin moved to add the following proviso to section sixteen : "Provided, that if any person shall forcibly pass any of the gates provided by this act, he shall forfeit and pay to the said company one dollar for each and every such offence, to be recovered for the benefit of said company before any justice of the peace of the county in which such gate is situated."

On motion of Mr. Powell,

The amendment was amended by striking out the words "one dollar" and inserting "a sum not exceeding "twenty-five dollars." "

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morris,

The vote was reconsidered by which the House refused to strike out the last three lines of section sixteen, and the question recurring on striking out,

Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend by inserting the words "upon a farm," after "residing," which motion prevailed.

The question then being on striking out, it was decided in the affirmative ; so the lines were stricken out.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Murray, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That from and after this day, the House will hold but one daily session, which session shall commence at half-past nine o'clock, A. M.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on banks and incorporations, by unanimous consent, reported a bill to alter the time of the annual charter election of the city of Monroe, which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The rules were suspended, and the engrossment having been dispensed with,

The bill was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Patterson,
Baldwin,	Hazen,	Powell,
Barlow,	Howard,	Quackenboss,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Blades,	Lane,	Smith,
Brown,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	St. John,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Carver,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,
Dennis,	Mathews,	Taylor,
Denton,	McKinney,	Turner,
Dimond,	Morris,	Vickery,
Dodge,	Mowry,	Warren,
Enos,	Mulhollen,	Williams,
Frazer,	Murray,	Worden,
Granger,	Noyes,	Young,
Harris,	Patchen,	Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The House adjourned.

Friday, February 25, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Clark, Eldredge, Ferris, Mack, Pierce, Scott, Terry and Voorheis, were absent on leave, and Mr. Mathews was absent without leave.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Powell presented the petition of John H. Hartman and one hundred and ninety-nine others, of Porter township, in Cass county, for an alteration in the school law, so that the one mill tax may be appropriated to the support of primary schools, by vote of the several townships, which was referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Taylor presented a resolution of the board of supervisors of Kent county, in relation to the county site of said county, which was referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Taylor also presented a resolution of the board of supervisors of Kent county, asking an amendment of the law relating to the repairing and preservation of bridges, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Dimond presented the petition of Gurdon Kimball and twenty-eight others, and of Samuel Ward and thirty-eight others, of the county of St. Clair, for an extension of the jurisdiction of the county courts which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. H. Stone presented the petitions of one hundred and thirty inhabitants of the county of Monroe, for an amendment of the revised statutes, authorizing the labor of certain convicts in county jails, upon streets, highways, &c., which were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Warren presented the remonstrance of one hundred citizens of Oakland county, and of seventy-five citizens of Genesee and Livingston counties, against any change in the route of the Pontiac and Grand River road, which were referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported back sundry petitions of citizens of Kent county, for the attaching of certain townships of Kent county to the unorganized county of Montcalm, reported adverse to the prayer of the petitions, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to refund certain highway moneys in the county of Barry;

The bill to authorize Joel Andrews to convey certain real estate;

The bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor; and

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company, approved May 15, 1846.

Mr. M. B. Martin, from the committee on elections, to whom was referred a resolution instructing them "to inquire what person or persons, if any, now holding a seat or seats in this House, was or were, at the time of his or their election, by the constitution of this state, ineligible to a seat in this House," submitted a report, which was read, accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and

On motion of Mr. Turner,

The report was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Powell,

Two hundred extra copies were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, reported a bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to amend the charter of the city of Monroe, and for other purposes ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following communications were received :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, February 24, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

A joint resolution relative to the compilation of the school laws.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, February 24, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit river sectional floating dock, dry dock and marine railway company.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, February 23, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to amend chapter

ninety-five of title twenty-one of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am also instructed to return the bill for the relief of the religious society of friends, and to inform you that the Senate refuse to concur therein.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the amendments of the House to the bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Genesee to build a free bridge across the Flint river at the village of Flint, and that said bill as amended has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to amend chapter ninety-five of title twenty-one of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Littlejohn, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for altering the state road leading from Bellevue, in the county of Eaton, to Waterloo, in the county of Clinton, which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. W. R. Martin, by unanimous consent, presented a remonstrance of citizens of Eaton county, against any alteration in a certain state road, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Warren, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the Pontiac and Grand River road from the village of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, to the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Brown gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Chicago turnpike, in Branch county.

Mr. Vickery gave notice that he will on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands

for the improvement of a road between Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, and the village of Schoolcraft, in the county of Kalamazoo.

On motion of Mr. Powell,

Resolved, That the committee on state affairs be instructed to report forthwith upon the resolution referred to said committee, instructing them to inquire into the propriety of altering the revised statutes, requiring staves to be split with the grain of the wood.

On motion of Mr. Crouse,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road in the counties of Genesee and Livingston, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. King,

The bill to incorporate the borough of Michilimackinac, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The bill to amend chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes, was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Samuel R. Munroe, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Mulhollen,

The bill to provide for the pay of witnesses in criminal cases, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriation therefor, was read the third time, when,

Mr. Littlejohn moved that it be recommitted to the committee on internal improvement, with instructions to strike out so much thereof as limits the outlay of the appropriation for the county of Eaton to a portion of said road, and to so amend the bill as to provide for a proper pro rata division and outlay of said appropriation throughout the entire line of said road in the county of Eaton.

Pending which,

Mr. Lawrence moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. Quackenboss,
Burnett,	Morris,	Smith,
Dennis,	Noyes,	Spencer,
Hazen,	Patterson,	St. John,
King,	Powell,	Young,
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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Murray,
Barlow,	Hazard,	Patchen,
Bingham,	Howard,	Russell,
Blades,	Kingsley,	H. Stone,
Brown,	Lane,	H. H. Stone,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Strong,
Carver,	Lothrop,	Turner,
Crouse,	M. B. Martin,	Vickery,
Dimond,	W. R. Martin,	Williams,
Emmons,	McKinney,	Worden,
Frazer,	Mowry,	Speaker,
Granger,	Mulhollen,	35

The question then recurring on the motion to recommit with instructions, it prevailed by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Blades,	Mr. Howard,	Mr. Patchen,
Burnett,	King,	Smith,
Campbell,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Carver,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	H. H. Stone,
Emmons,	McKinney,	Strong,
Granger,	Morris,	Turner,
Harris,	Mowry,	Vickery,
Hazard,	Murray,	Williams,
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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Kingsley,	Mr. Quackenboss,
Barlow,	Lane,	Russell,
Bennett,	M. B. Martin,	St. John,
Bingham,	W. R. Martin,	Warren,
Brown,	Mulhollen,	Worden,
Dennis,	Noyes,	Young,
Dodge,	Patterson,	Speaker,
Hazen,	Powell,	23

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pontiac

and Genesee rail road company, approved May 15, 1846, was read the third time, when,

Mr. Noyes moved to recommit the bill to the committee on internal improvement, with instructions to strike out all after the word "Oakland," in the sixth line of section one, and insert the following words: "and through the villages of Northville and Plymouth, in the county of Wayne, to the city of Detroit;" and also with instructions to make such other alterations in the bill as they may see fit.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The motion was amended by striking out the instructions.

The question then recurring on the motion to recommit, it was lost.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, it was not passed by the following vote, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Howard,	Mr. Noyes,
Bingham,	Lawrence,	Palmer,
Blades,	Littlejohn,	Patchen,
Burnett,	Lothrop,	Russell,
Crouse,	M. B. Martin,	Strong,
Dimond,	Morris,	Taylor,
Dodge,	Mowry,	Warren,
Harris,	Mulhollen,	Worden,
Hazen,	Murray,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Emmons,	Mr. Powell,
Baldwin,	Frazer,	Smith,
Bennett,	Granger,	Spencer,
Brown,	Hazard,	Turner,
Campbell,	Kingale,	Vickery,
Carver,	McKinney,	Williams,
Dennis,	Patterson,	Young,
Denton,		

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The bill to authorize Joel Andrews of the county of Ionia, to convey certain real estate; and

The bill to refund certain highway moneys in the county of Barry;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to incorporate the Douglass Houghton mining company, Mr. Lothrop in the chair.

And after a short time spent thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported the bill back with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

The amendments were severally concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill was amended by striking out all of section eight after the word "applicable," in the second line.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The hour having arrived which had been fixed for the meeting of the two Houses in joint convention, to act on any nomination which the Governor might make,

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to inform the Senate that the House were prepared to meet them in joint convention.

The Speaker appointed as such committee Messrs. Emmons and Vickery, which committee after a short absence returned and reported that they had discharged the duty for which they were appointed.

The Honorable the Senate of the state of Michigan was then announced, and the Senators were conducted to seats.

PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The joint convention was called to order by the President of the Senate, and the rolls of the two Houses were called by the Secretary and Clerk thereof.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to inform the Governor that the two Houses had assembled in joint convention, and were prepared to receive any communication which he might be pleased to make.

The President appointed Mr. Lothrop and Senator Fitzgerald as such committee, who after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and received for answer that the Governor would immediately communicate with the convention in writing.

The following message was received from the Governor, by the hands of his private secretary :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, February 25, 1848. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I hereby nominate John E. Schwarz for the office of Adjutant Ge-

neral for the legal term to commence on the eleventh day of March next, when his present official term will expire.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

And the nomination of John E. Schwarz to be Adjutant General for the legal term, was advised and consented to by the following vote :

Representatives.

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Carver,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Enos,
Frazer,
Granger,

Mr. Harris,
Hazard,
Hazen,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,
Noyes,
Palmer,

Mr. Patchen,
Patterson,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Vickery,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

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Senators.

YEAS.

Mr. Allen,
Balch,
Berry,
Cook,
Dunham,
Eldredge,

Mr. Fitzgerald,
Griswold
Hart,
Isbell,
Loomis,
McCabe,

Mr. Parsons,
Redfield,
Robinson,
Shoemaker,
Sinclair,
Thomson,

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On motion of Senator Robinson,

The joint convention adjourned *sine die*.

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

A. W. HOVEY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The House was called to order by the Speaker,

And resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Taylor in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose; and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to amend an act relative to the amount due the university fund from the county of Lenawee; and

Also, reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes, entitled for the relief of insolvent debtors, on the application of an insolvent and his creditors;

A bill to lay out and establish a certain state road;

A bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases;

A bill to prevent waste upon university and primary school lands; and

A bill to improve the main traveled road from Hastings, in Barry county, to Battle Creek.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, February 26, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Clark, Ferris, Mack, Pierce, Scott and Voorheis were absent on leave, and Messrs. Emmons, Enos, Mathews, Mowry and Strong were absent without leave.

Mr. Dimond asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Mowry for the day.

Mr. Brown for Mr. Mathews for an indefinite period, on account of sickness.

Mr. Powell for Mr. Emmons, for the day.

Mr. Palmer for Mr. Strong, for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Taylor presented the remonstrance of Chauncey Parker and forty others, against a division of the township of Plainfield, in the county of Kent, which was referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Eldredge presented the petition of Rev. William Tuttle and others, officers of the first Baptist Church, of Bristol, asking that the name of said church may be changed to that of the first Baptist Church of the town of Almont, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Eldredge also presented the petition of Charles A. Hebard and other citizens of Lapeer county, for an additional circuit judge, and an increase of the civil jurisdiction of the county courts, and giving them criminal jurisdiction in certain cases; and

The petition of O. P. Strobbridge and forty other citizens of Lapeer county, asking that the county courts be held quarterly, and in the county of Lapeer, held alternately at Lapeer and Almont, and that a grand jury may be called with said court twice in each year.

Which petitions were referred to the select committee on the judicial system.

Mr. Eldredge also presented the petition of Benjamin Thorne and seventy other citizens of Lapeer and Oakland counties, and of John K. Axford, and thirty other citizens of Oakland county, for the laying out of a state road from Thorne's mills, in the town of Metamora, to Carpenter's mill, in the town of Orion, which petitions were referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported a joint resolution relative to the claim of Joseph A. Patrick and Martin Vrooman;

Which was read twice, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of James Watkins.

Which report was accepted and the joint resolution ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back the claim of Silas C. Herring, reported in favor of its allowance, recommended that it be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to embody the amount in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the claim referred to the committee of ways and means with the instructions.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to amend an act entitled an act to revive the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes, in certain counties.

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to amend section five, of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment of taxes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend chapter ninety-five of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company, and recommended its passage.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lothrop, from the same committee, reported back the bill to continue the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill and substitute laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the state library, reported back with an amendment, the Senate joint resolution authorizing the appointment of an assistant librarian.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the amendment was concurred in by the House.

Mr. Patterson moved to strike out all after the resolving clause ;
Pending which,

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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The petition of O. P. Strobridge and forty other citizens of Lapeer county, asking that the county courts be held quarterly, and in the county of Lapeer, held alternately at Lapeer and Almont, and that a grand jury may be called with said court twice in each year.

Which petitions were referred to the select committee on the judicial system.

Mr. Eldredge also presented the petition of Benjamin Thorne and seventy other citizens of Lapeer and Oakland counties, and of John K. Axford, and thirty other citizens of Oakland county, for the laying out of a state road from Thorne's mills, in the town of Metamora, to Carpenter's mill, in the town of Orion, which petitions were referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported a joint resolution relative to the claim of Joseph A. Patrick and Martin Vrooman;

Which was read twice, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of James Watkins.

Which report was accepted and the joint resolution ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back the claim of Silas C. Herring, reported in favor of its allowance, recommended that it be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to embody the amount in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the claim referred to the committee of ways and means with the instructions.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to amend an act entitled an act to revive the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes, in certain counties.

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to amend section five, of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment of taxes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend chapter ninety-five of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company, and recommended its passage.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lothrop, from the same committee, reported back the bill to continue the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill and substitute laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the state library, reported back with an amendment, the Senate joint resolution authorizing the appointment of an assistant librarian.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the amendment was concurred in by the House.

Mr. Patterson moved to strike out all after the resolving clause ;
Pending which,

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the following bills, and recommended their passage, viz :

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson ;

A bill to incorporate the Howell Academy ; and

A bill to incorporate the Marshall manufacturing company, in the county of Calhoun.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back the bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, it was passed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Palmer,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Patchen,
Barlow,	Howard,	Russell,
Blades,	Lane,	H. Stone,
Brown,	Littlejohn,	H. H. Stone,
Campbell,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Dodge,	McKinney,	Turner,
Eldredge,	Morris,	Warren,
Frazer,	Mulhollen,	Worden,
Granger,	Murray,	Speaker,
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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Kingsley,	Mr. Smith,
Bingham,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Burnett,	Noyes,	St. John,
Carver,	Patterson,	Vickery,
Dennis,	Powell,	Williams,
King,	Quackenboss,	Young,
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Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly engrossed :

A bill relative to plank roads ; and

A bill to incorporate the Douglass Houghton mining company.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported a bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan February 26, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit the following bills and joint resolutions, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill authorizing Marcus S. Stone to sell certain real estate ;

A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the canal, harbor and navigation at the river Raisin ;

A bill to change the name of the village of Florence, in the county of Shiawassee ;

A bill to provide for holding special elections in case of vacancy in the office of county judge and second judge of county courts ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the road from Corunna, to the forks of Bad river ; and Joint resolution for the relief of Wm. W. Harwood.

I am further instructed to return the bill to alter the time of the annual charter election in the city of Monroe ; and

A bill to authorize Henry C. Smith, Henry Hall and George Miller to construct a free bridge across the Grand River, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Also, to return a bill for the improvement of the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb ; and

Joint resolution requiring a report from the trustees of the Michigan central college, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am further instructed to return joint resolution relative to the sale of the salt spring lands lying east of the principal meridian, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments, with an amendment thereto, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Also to return joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the erection of state asylums for the insane, blind, deaf and dumb, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the second House amendment thereto, and that they have non-concurred in the first amendment; and

A bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties of this state, with the House amendments thereto, in the second of which the Senate have non-concurred, and in the first and third of which they have concurred.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to alter the time for the annual charter election in the city of Monroe; and

The bill to authorize Henry C. Smith, Henry Hall and George Miller, to construct a free bridge across Grand river;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill authorizing Marcus S. Stone to sell certain real estate, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the canal, harbor and navigation at the river Raisin; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the road from Corunna to the forks of Bad river;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The Senate bill to change the name of the village of Florence, in the county of Shiawassee, was read twice and referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

The Senate bill to provide for holding special elections in case of vacancy in the office of county judge and second judge of county courts, was read twice and referred to the select committee on the judicial system.

The Senate joint resolution for the relief of William W. Harwood, was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

The Senate amendments to the bill for the improvement of the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb, and to

The joint resolution requiring a report from the trustees of the Michigan central college ;

Were severally concurred in, and the bill and joint resolution as amended were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate amendment to the House amendment to the joint resolution relative to the sale of the salt spring lands lying east of the principal meridian, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The House receded from their first amendment to the joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the erection of state asylums for the insane, blind, and deaf and dumb.

The House then took up the bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties in this state, when

The Speaker called Mr. H. Stone to the chair.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the House recede from their second amendment thereto, which motion was lost.

Mr. Noyes gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Plymouth and Detroit plank road company.

Mr Littlejohn, pursuant to previous notice, given by Mr. Scott, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriation of internal improvement lands therefor, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Monroe, and for other purposes, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. St. John offered the following resolution, which was not adopted :

Resolved, That from and after this day, this House will hold an additional daily session, to commence at half-past two o'clock, P. M.

The bill relative to plank roads was read the third time, when

Mr. Littlejohn, by unanimous consent, moved to amend section twenty-two, by striking out all after "act" in the fourth line, and

inserting the words "and so much of any act as contravenes the provisions of this act is hereby repealed," which motion prevailed.

Mr. Patterson moved to recommit the bill to the committee on internal improvement, with instructions to add the following proviso to section fourteen :

Provided, that if any plank road company shall hereafter locate their road on any public highway, for the improvement of which any internal improvement lands have been or may hereafter be appropriated and expended, such company shall pay to the respective treasurers of the township or townships through which such road may pass, the value of such expenditures, to be determined in the manner provided by this act, and all moneys so paid shall be expended in the construction or repair of roads and bridges, under the supervision of the highway commissioners of such township or townships.

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the motion, by striking out the instructions and inserting the following : Add the following words to section seventeen :

"And any person residing on a farm within one mile of any such toll gate, shall be permitted the free use of any such road in passing and repassing such gate with teams and vehicles, in going to or returning from any place not more than one mile distant from such gate" :

Which amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on recommitting the bill with instructions as amended, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. St. John,	
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Taylor,	
Carver,	Powell,	Turner,	
Crouse,	Spencer,	Worden,	12

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Howard,	Mr. Patchen,
Baldwin,	King,	Patterson,
Barlow,	Lane,	Quackenboss,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Russell,
Brown,	Littlejohn,	Smith,
Burnett,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Campbell,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Dennis,	McKinney,	Terry,
Denton,	Morris,	Vickery,

Dimond,
Dodge,
Harris,
Hazard,

Mulhollen,
Murray,
Noyes,

Warren,
Williams,
Young,

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The bill was then passed.

The bill to incorporate the Douglass Houghton mining company, was read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Carver,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,
Howard,

Mr. King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Noyes,
Patchen,
Patterson,
Powell,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Vickery,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,

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NAYS.

Mr. Dennis,

Mr. McKinney,

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The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to amend an act relative to the amount due the university fund from the county of Lenawee, and ordered it to be read the third time.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill to improve the main traveled road from Hastings, in Barry county, to Battle Creek, were,

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

Concurred in, in gross ; and

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

All the amendments made in committee of the whole, except the last, to the bill to prevent waste upon university and primary school lands, were concurred in.

And the question being on concurring in the last amendment, which amendment strikes out all after the enacting clause of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill was laid on the table.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the following bills, were severally concurred in, and the bills ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, viz :

The bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases ;

The bill to lay out and establish a certain state road ; and

The bill to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes, entitled of the relief of insolvent debtors, on the application of an insolvent and his creditors.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Murray in the chair. /

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road ;

A bill to organize a school district from portions of the counties of St. Clair and Macomb ;

A bill to lay out a state road from Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, by the village of Almont, to Port Huron, in St. Clair county, and to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for laying out, establishing and improving the same ; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of the Kalamazoo river between the village of Allegan and lake Michigan ;

A bill to incorporate the Eagle Harbor mining company ;

A preamble and joint resolution relative to the university lands lying near Toledo in Ohio ;

A joint resolution for the construction of a road from some eligible point on Green Bay, Lake Michigan, to L'Ance, on Kewaweenon Bay, Lake Superior ; and

A joint resolution concerning the Saut de Ste Marie.

The amendments to the last named joint resolution were severally concurred in, and the joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments reported by the committee to the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of the Kalamazoo river, between the village of Allegan and Lake Michigan, were severally concurred in.

Mr. Noyes moved to amend section two, by inserting after the word "shall," where it first occurs in the third line, the following: "make a selection of the lands herein appropriated, and report the same to the Commissioner of the State Land Office, who shall thereupon reserve the same from sale; said special commissioner shall."

Mr. Taylor moved to recommit the bill to the committee on internal improvement, with general instructions. Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The House adjourned.

Monday, February 28, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Clark, Ferris, Mathews, Scott and Strong, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Blades, Dennis, Emmons, Howard, Littlejohn and Lothrop, were absent without leave.

Mr. Quackenboss asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Dennis, for the day.

Mr. Warren for Mr. Blades for the day.

Mr. Young for Mr. Howard for the day, on account of sickness.

Mr. Crouse for Messrs. Littlejohn and Lothrop, for and indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Voorheis presented the petition of George Dow and one hundred and twenty others, relative to a certain highway, in Oakland county; which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Baldwin presented the remonstrance of Henry H. Bloss and twenty others, of Ingham county, against diverging the plank road from the line of the Grand River road to the village of Plymouth, in Wayne county; which was read and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Lane presented the petition of Elon Andrus, Payne K. Leech, and thirty-seven others for an extension of the jurisdiction of county courts, to all cases, civil and criminal ; which was referred to the select committee on the judicial system.

Mr. Denton, from the committee on printing, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend section forty-two of chapter twelve, title three, of the revised statutes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported a bill to extend the limits of the township of Ionia ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to authorize certain persons to convey lands in the county of Allegan ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills and joint resolution were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval :

The bill for the improvement of the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb ;

The bill to authorize Henry C. Smith, Henry Hall and George Miller, to construct a free bridge across the Grand River ;

The bill to alter the time of the annual charter election of the city of Monroe ; and

The joint resolution requiring a report from the trustees of the Michigan central college.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the following bills and joint resolutions were correctly engrossed :

The bill to lay out and establish a certain state road ;

The bill to improve the main traveled road from Hastings, in Barry county, to Battle Creek ;

The bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases ;

The bill to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes, entitled of the relief of insolvent debtors, on the application of an insolvent and his creditors ;

The joint resolution concerning the Saut de Ste. Marie ; and

The joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of James Watkins.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian plank road company, which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment, and recommended their passage, the Senate bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the canal, harbor and navigation at the river Raisin ; and

The Senate bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the road from Corunna to the forks of Bad river.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee of conference on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two Houses, on the bill to amend section six of chapter twenty-five, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes, reported that the committee had, by way of compromise, agreed to recommend a modification by striking out "one" and inserting "two" in the proviso of the Senate amendment.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

The question being on concurring in the report of the committee, it was concurred in.

Mr. Denton gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the North American mining company.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The report of the committee on elections, (House document number thirteen,) was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The bill to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the erection, repairing and preservation of bridges, was taken from the table, when

Mr. Vickery moved to amend the first line of section six, by inserting "has been within the last year or" before the word "shall," which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Bingham,

The second line of the same section was amended by inserting "unless such bridge shall pass over a stream where the water is raised by a mill dam," after the word "cause."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

A committee from the Senate was announced, consisting of Senators Balch and Isbell, who announced that the House bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the past paid five million loan bonds, had been mislaid or lost by a committee of the Senate, and that the House were respectfully requested to transmit another copy of said bill to the Senate.

Mr. Terry gave notice that he will on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate a mutual insurance company in and for the county of Macomb.

Mr. Pierce, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City rail road company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. McKinney,

The bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846; and

The bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank road company, were taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

The bill to amend section five of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, in relation to the assessment of taxes, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill for the relief of Asa Pratt, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Bennett,

The bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Worden gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill,

On motion of Mr. Young,

Resolved, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be tendered to Mr. A. Hard, this evening, for the purpose of delivering a lecture on Chrononomy.

Mr. Patterson gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for certain internal improvements.

The bill to improve the main traveled road from Hastings, in Barry county, to Battle Creek, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Brown,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Enos,

Mr. Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Patchen,
Russell,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Worden,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Carver,
Hazen,
King,
Kingsley,
Lawrence,

Mr. Noyes,
Patterson,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Smith,

Mr. Spencer,
St. John,
Williams,
Young,

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The bill to lay out and establish a certain state road ;

The bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases ;

The bill to amend an act relative to the amount due the university fund in the county of Lenawee ;

The bill to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised

statutes, entitled of the relief of insolvent debtors, on the application of an insolvent and his creditors ;

The joint resolution relative to the settlement of the claim of James Watkins ; and

The joint resolution concerning the Saute de Ste Marie ;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, by unanimous consent, reported a bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Grand Rapids, approved April 5, 1838 ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road ; and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The fifth section was amended by striking out of the fifth line the words "commissioner of the state land office," and inserting "auditor general, for warrants drawn against and payable in internal improvement lands," and by making the corresponding amendments throughout the section.

Mr. Noyes moved to amend the first line of section three, by inserting after "appointment" the following : "make a selection of the lands herein appropriated, and report the same to the Commissioner of the State Land Office, who shall thereupon reserve the same from sale, and said special commissioner shall."

Pending which,

Mr. Lawrence moved to recommit the bill to the committee on internal improvement, with instructions to insert a provision requiring the lands appropriated to be selected, and that the lands alone shall be liable for warrants.

Mr. Powell moved to amend the instructions by requiring the following proviso to be added to section five : "Provided, that no plank road company shall take possession of said highway now laid out, and on which any internal improvement lands have been expended, without first having paid for said internal improvement lands, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, to be paid to the State Treasurer, to be placed to the credit of the internal improvement fund," which amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Littlejohn moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Baldwin, Emmons, Enos, Harris, King, Lane, Lothrop, Morris, Pierce, Russell, St. John and H. H. Stone, were absent without leave.

Mr. Burnett moved that all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, which motion was lost.

Mr. Terry asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Lane for the day.

Mr. Smith for Mr. Pierce, for the day.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched for the absentees.

Mr. Powell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Emmons, for the day.

Several of the absent members having returned,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then being on the motion to recommit the bill with instructions, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Hazen,
Kingsley,
Lawrence,

Mr. Noyes,
Palmer,
Patterson,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Smith,

Mr. Spencer,
Vickery,
Williams,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Barlow,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Enos,
Frazer,
Granger,

Mr. Harris,
Hazard,
King,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Murray,

Mr. Patchen,
Russell,
Scott,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Worden,

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The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. Noyes, to amend the third section, it was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Kingsley,	Mr. Smith,
Bennett,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Bingham,	Noyes,	St. John,
Burnett,	Palmer,	Vickery,
Carver,	Patterson,	Williams,
Harris,	Powell,	Young,
Hazen,	Quackenboss,	Speaker,
King,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Littlejohn,	Mr. Scott,
Brown,	Mack,	H. Stone,
Campbell,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Taylor,
Denton,	Morris,	Terry,
Dodge,	Mowry,	Turner,
Eldredge,	Mulhollen,	Voorheis,
Enos,	Murray,	Warren,
Granger,	Patchen,	Worden,
Hazard,	Russell,	

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Mr. Spencer moved to add the following proviso to section five :

" Provided, That no order, certificate or warrant, issued under or by virtue of this act, shall be good and valid or of any virtue or value, whatever, unless the same be properly presented for payment at the proper office, within two years from and after the date of such order, certificate or warrant, and that notice of this provision be embodied therein :"

Which amendment was agreed to by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Kingsley,	Mr. Russell,
Bennett,	Lawrence,	Smith,
Bingham,	Mack,	Spencer,
Brown,	M. B. Martin,	St. John,
Burnett,	Mulhollen,	Taylor,
Carver,	Noyes,	Vickery,
Dodge,	Palmer,	Voorheis,
Harris,	Patterson,	Williams,
Hazen,	Powell,	Young,
King,	Quackenboss,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Littlejohn,	Mr. H. Stone,
Campbell,	McKinney,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Morris,	Terry,
Denton,	Mowry,	Turner,
Eldredge,	Murray,	Warren,

Enos,
Granger,
Hazard,

Patchen,
Scott,

Worden,
Speaker,

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Mr. Littlejohn moved that the bill be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Smith moved that all after the enacting clause be stricken out, which motion was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on internal improvement.

The bill to organize a school district from portions of the counties of St. Clair and Macomb, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Laid on the table.

The bill to lay out a state road from Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, by the village of Almont, to Port Huron, in St. Clair county, and to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for laying out, establishing and improving the same, was taken up, when

Mr. Eldredge moved that it be recommitted to the committee on internal improvement, with instructions to so amend it as to provide that twenty-five hundred acres of the land, shall be expended on the road in Lapeer county, and twenty-five hundred on the road in St. Clair county, and to strike out that portion which makes it necessary that the special commissioners shall select the lands appropriated, and that the committee have power to make such other alterations as to them may seem best.

Mr. Noyes moved to amend the instructions, by striking out the words "and to strike out that portion which makes it necessary that the special commissioner shall select the lands appropriated," which motion was lost.

The question then recurring on the motion to recommit with instructions, it prevailed.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of the Kalamazoo river, between the village of Allegan and Lake Michigan, was taken up, and

The question being on the motion made on Saturday by Mr. Taylor, to recommit the bill to the committee on internal improvement, with instructions, the motion was withdrawn by the mover.

The question then recurring on the motion made on Saturday, by Mr. Noyes, to amend section two, by inserting after the word "shall," where it first occurs in the third line, the following : " Make a selection of the lands herein appropriated, and report the same to the Commissioner of the State Land Office, who shall thereupon reserve the same from sale ; said special commissioner shall ; " which motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, February 28, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have received the melancholy intelligence of the death of John Quincy Adams, formerly President of the United States. He died in the city of Washington, on the 23d of February, instant.

Although the mournful event which I am at this time called upon to communicate is not altogether unexpected, yet its announcement cannot fail to produce the deepest sorrow in the heart of every American.

The public life of him whose loss we mourn, constitutes an important part in the history of his country. For more than half a century he has been a distinguished actor in its most important affairs, and during that long and eventful period, amidst all the turmoil and excitement of party conflict, in which at various times he was involved, John Quincy Adams ever stood firmly by his country. Her cause he never for a moment abandoned. To her interests his whole life was devoted, and in her service his latest breath was spent. Truly a great and good man has fallen.

In view of this great, this afflicting, this national bereavement, I respectfully recommend the adoption by your body, of such measures as to you shall seem an appropriate manifestation of the profound sorrow all must feel for the loss of one who has filled so large a space in the hearts of his countrymen.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

Mr. Littlejohn moved the following resolutions, which were seconded by Mr. Lawrence, and were unanimously adopted by the House :

Resolved, That the House have received the tidings of the death of JOHN QUINCY ADAMS with emotions of profound sorrow.

Resolved, That in the person of the deceased the people of this Union have lost an eloquent advocate of public interests, and a fearless champion of individual rights: one who in all the relations of life, public, political and social, has sustained a character of unsullied moral purity, and unquestioned integrity; and one, who, in the highest official station in the gift of the American people, reflected credit upon the choice of that people, and to the very end of his eventful career, has continued to gather and cluster round his brow, the laurels of Representative honor.

Resolved, That as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, this House will now adjourn.

Resolved, That the Governor of this state be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

And thereupon the House adjourned.

Tuesday, February 29, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Clark, Ferris, Mathews and Strong, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Dennis, Howard and W. R. Martin, were absent without leave.

Mr. H. H. Stone asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Howard, for an indefinite period.

Mr. Quackenboss for Mr. Dennis, as above.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Pierce presented the petition of Hiram Campbell and others, of school district number four of the township of Marshall, for a change in the law relative to school libraries, which was referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Noyes presented the petition of Thomas P. May, junior, and thirty-six others of this state, for the restoration of the law inflicting capital punishment, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of S. D. Van Duzer and twenty-nine other citizens of Washtenaw county, for the incorporation of a

company to construct a plank road from Monroe to Saline, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Littlejohn presented the petition of all the inhabitants of the school section on which the capitol is located, for appropriations for improving the same, and for building a bridge thereon, which was referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of citizens of De Witt, in Clinton county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Michigan to De Witt ; and

The petition of citizens of Clinton county, asking for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Michigan to the forks of Bad river, in Saginaw county ;

Which petitions were referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back the bill to provide for altering the route of a portion of the state road leading from Bellevue, in the county of Eaton, to Waterloo in the county of Clinton, reported adverse to its passage, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Voorheis,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported back the remonstrance of Jared Bouton and others, against any alteration in a certain state road, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Spencer, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City rail road company ;

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Spencer, from the same committee, reported a bill to incorporate the Portland and Michigan plank road company ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly engrossed, viz :

The bill to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of

1846, relative to the erection, repairing and preservation of bridges, and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Kalamazoo river between the village of Allegan and Lake Michigan.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution for the relief of William W. Harwood.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on general order.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back the claim of Edward D. Ellis, reported in favor of its allowance, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to embody the amount in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the claim referred to the committee on ways and means with the instructions.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to regulate the issuing of certain land warrants by the Auditor General, and limiting the time within which the same shall be receivable at the state land office in payment for internal improvement lands;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back the bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road, with an amendment striking out the proviso to section five.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the amendment concurred in by the House.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported a bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Sheboygan to Lake Huron, and

A bill providing for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands on the state road leading from Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary line of Lapeer county;

Which bills were severally read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back the bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Oakland to build a free

bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill and substitute laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House, the bill to lay out a state road from Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, by the village of Almont, to Port Huron, in St. Clair county, and to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for laying out, establishing and improving the same.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to improve the Pontiac and Grand River state road, in the counties of Oakland and Genesee.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to change the name of the village of Florence, in the county of Shiawassee.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back with amendments, and recommended its passage, the bill relative to the discharge of judgments and decrees, and for other purposes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported a bill to organize the county of Sanilac;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following communication from the Executive, was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, February 28, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to provide for the improvement of the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb ;

An act to authorize Henry C. Smith, Henry Hall and George Miller to construct a free bridge across the Grand River ;

An act to alter the time of the annual charter election of the city of Monroe ; and

A joint resolution requiring a report from the trustees of the Michigan central college.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan February 28, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Mary's canal company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am also instructed to return the bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment thereto, with amendments, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to amend section six of chapter twenty-five, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate insist in their previous action on the second House amendment to the bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes, in the several counties of this state.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The first and second Senate amendments to the House amendments to the bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual

tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, were concurred in, and the third amendment thereto was non-concurred in.

The bill to amend section six of chapter twenty-five, and section nine of chapter twenty-two, of the revised statutes, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, and

The Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Mary's canal company, were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties in this state, was,

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Mack, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Rochester and Royal Oak plank road company; which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Worden, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river, which was read twice, and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill to continue for a limited time the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, and for other purposes, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the bill to provide for organizing the militia, and to encourage the formation of uniform companies in this state, and it was made the special order for Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Terry gave notice that at some future time, he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company.

Mr. Terry, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Mount Clemens and Romeo plank road company; which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Plymouth and Detroit plank road company; which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Hazard,

The bill to incorporate the Howell academy was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Taylor gave notice that he will on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Grand River plank road company.

Mr. Vickery, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships, in the county of Kalamazoo; which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

Resolved, That the committee on internal improvement be, and they are hereby required to report to this House without unnecessary delay, the bill to authorize certain internal improvements in the several counties of this state.

Mr. Bingham gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section seventy-two of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Joseph A. Patrick and Martin Vrooman, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Terry, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company of Michigan ; which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to organize certain counties and for other purposes, was made the special order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Bennett asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to the claim of Nelson H. Bennett and Elijah Bennett ; which was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Kingsley gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Michigan and Monroe plank road company.

Mr. Littlejohn, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Black Lake plank road company ; which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

A communication from the Governor was announced, transmitting a copy of the report of the acting commissioner to locate the capitol, which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Turner,

The communication and accompanying document were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of the Kalamazoo river between the village of Allegan and Lake Michigan, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the erection, repairing and preservation of bridges, was read the third time, when,

Mr. Littlejohn, by unanimous consent, moved to amend it by striking out of section six the following words : "unless such bridge shall pass over a stream where the water is raised by a mill dam," which amendment was agreed to.

The bill was then passed.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to incorporate the Eagle Harbor mining company ; and

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole were concurred in, in gross.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The preamble and joint resolution relative to the university lands lying near Toledo, in the state of Ohio, was taken up, and the amendments reported by the committee of the whole, which strike out the preamble and all after the word "resolved," were concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The words "by the House of Representatives of the state of Michigan," were inserted after "resolved."

The joint resolution was then ordered to be read the third time.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the joint resolution for the construction of a road from some eligible point on Green Bay, Lake Michigan, to L'Ance, on Kewaweenaw Bay, Lake Superior, were severally concurred in; and

The question being on ordering the joint resolution to be read the third time, it was decided in the negative.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Lane in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to define a homestead and exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases;

A bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, through Bellevue and Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, to Michigan, in the county of Ingham; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the state road leading from the village of St. Joseph, in Berrien county, to the village of La Grange, in the county of Cass.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, March 1, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Clark, Dennis, Howard and Mathews, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Denton, Dimond, Harris, Murray and Worden, were absent without leave.

Mr. Mowry asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Dimond, for an indefinite period.

Mr. Taylor for Messrs. Harris and Worden as above.

Mr. Voorheis for Mr. Denton, as above.

Mr. Eldredge for Mr. Murray, as above.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Carver presented the petition of John Lawrence and sixty-five other citizens of the county of Washtenaw, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from the city of Monroe to Saline, in Washtenaw county, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Brown presented the remonstrance of Henry C. Gilbert and forty-seven other citizens of Branch county, against the extension of the exemption law to real estate, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Warren presented the petition of Homer B. Smith and others, asking an increase of the highway taxes in the township of Mundy, in Genesee county, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Strong presented the petition of Townsend E. Gidley and others, in relation to the settlement of the estates of deceased persons, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Littlejohn presented the memorial of H. B. Ely, for the repeal of the law imposing a specific tax upon lines of telegraph in this state, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back the petition of P. B. Torry and others, for the passage of a law to divert a portion of the water of the St. Joseph river for hydraulic purposes, and reported adverse to the prayer of the petition.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Spencer, from the committee on banks and incorporations, re-

ported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Mary's canal company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported a bill authorizing the laying out a state road from Thorne's mills, in Lapeer county, to Axford's mills, in Oakland county, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back with amendments, and recommended its passage, the bill to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriation of internal improvement lands therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back without action, the bill to authorize certain internal improvements in the several counties of this state.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Eldredge moved that the bill be laid on the table, which motion was lost, and

The bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to amend section six of chapter twenty-five, and section nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the following bills were correctly engrossed, viz :

The bill to provide for improving the Detroit and Grand River road ;

The bill to lay out a state road from Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, by the village of Almont to Port Huron, in St. Clair county, and

to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for laying out, establishing and improving the same ; and

The bill to incorporate the Eagle Harbor mining company.

Mr. Scott, from the committee on education, reported a bill to amend section twenty-three of chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the Senate bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill and substitute referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the select committee on the judicial system, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to provide for holding special elections in case of vacancy in the office of county judge and second judge of county courts.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The rules were suspended, and

The bill taken up, read the third time and passed.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 1, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to authorize the collection of certain taxes in the township of Flint, county of Genesee, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to authorize the collection of certain taxes in the township of Flint, county of Genesee, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

A communication was received from Henry N. Walker, Esq., late Attorney General, in reply to a resolution of the House, relative to the discontinuance of a certain suit against the Michigan State Bank, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The Senate bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847, and the House amendments thereto, was taken from the table and the amendments were severally concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Section nine was amended by inserting the words "in pursuance of existing provisions of law," after "general," in the first line.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Section nine was amended by striking out all after "evidence," in the third line, to "but," in the fourth line, and inserting the words "of title in the purchasers."

Mr. Taylor moved that section nine be stricken out, which motion was lost.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill ordered to be read the third time by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Carver,
Crouse,
Enos,
Hazard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lawrence,

Mr. Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
W. R. Martin,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mulhollen,
Patchen,
Pierce,
Powell,
Russell,
Scott,

Mr. Smith,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Terry,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bingham,
Brown,
Eldredge,
Emmons,

Mr. Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,
Hazen,
Mowry,

Mr. Palmer,
Patterson,
Quackenboss,
Strong,
Taylor,

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On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Mary's canal company, was taken from the table, and it was ordered to be read the third time.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the Mariner's Church, of Detroit, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Resolved, That the committee on printing be instructed to inquire and report to this House whether the Governor's message, ordered to be printed in French, has been received, and if so what disposition has been made of the same.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Grand Rapids, approved April 5, 1838, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Emmons asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Detroit and Michigan City telegraph company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Emmons gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the act relative to the Detroit and Shelby rail road.

Mr. Scott gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill authorizing Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to ascertain and report the number of acres of internal improvement lands which have been appropriated, and are proposed to be appropriated by bills now before the House, and the several objects for which such appropriations have been, and are proposed to be made, and report with all convenient despatch.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Resolved, That the Auditor General be instructed to furnish to this House with all convenient despatch, the amount of the indebtedness of the Michigan Southern rail road company to this state, the kind of obligations, the amount of principal and interest, if any, past due and

now remaining unpaid, and all and any information now in the possession of the Auditor General in relation to the indebtedness of said company to this state.

On motion of Mr. McKinney,

The vote was reconsidered by which the House refused to order to a third reading the joint resolution for the construction of a road from some eligible point on Green Bay, Lake Michigan, to L'Ance, on Kewaweenon Bay, Lake Superior.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The second and third lines were amended so as to read "our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested."

The joint resolution was then ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to biennial sessions of the legislature, was taken from the table, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The committee on ways and means were instructed to prepare and report to the House the bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds, as it passed the House, in compliance with the request made on Monday by the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the bill to amend chapter ninety-five of title twenty-one of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes.

And the amendment thereto reported by the committee on the judiciary, striking out the proviso to section two, was concurred in by the House.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed.

The joint resolution for the construction of a road from some eligible point on Green Bay, Lake Michigan, to L'Ance, on Kewaweenon Bay, Lake Superior;

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River read ; and

The bill to lay out a state road from Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, by the village of Almont, to Port Huron, in St. Clair county, and to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for laying out, establishing and improving the same ;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The preamble and joint resolution relative to the university lands lying near Toledo in Ohio, was read the third time, when,

Mr. Crouse moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Eldredge moved that its further consideration be indefinitely postponed, which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Mary's canal company, was read the third time, when,

Mr. Littlejohn moved a call of the House which was had, and it was found that Messrs. Frazer and Smith were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, it was passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Powell,
Baldwin,	King,	Quackenboss,
Barlow,	Kingaley,	Russell,
Bingham,	Lane,	Scott,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Smith,
Brown,	Littlejohn,	Spencer,
Burnett,	Lothrop,	St. John,
Campbell,	Mack,	H. Stone,
Carver,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,
Dodge,	Mowry,	Terry,
Eldredge,	Mulhollen,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Noyes,	Warren,
Enos,	Palmer,	Williams,
Ferris,	Patchen,	Young,
Granger,	Pierce,	Speaker,
Hazard,		

NAYS.

Mr. Bennett, McKinney,	Mr. Morris, Patterson,	Mr. Tufner, Vickery,	6
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The bill to incorporate the Eagle Harbor mining company, was read the third time and passed by the following vote, two-thirds of all the members voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker, Baldwin, Barlow, Bingham, Blades, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Carver, Crouse, Dodge, Eldredge, Emmons, Enos, Ferrie, Granger, Hazard,	Mr. Hazen, King, Kingsley, Lane, Lawrence, Littlejohn, Lothrop, Mack, M. B. Martin, W. R. Martin, Mowry, Mulhollen, Noyes, Palmer, Pierce, Powell,	Mr. Quackenboss, Russell, Smith, Spencer, St. John, H. Stone, H. H. Stone, Strong, Taylor, Terry, Turner, Vickery, Voorheis, Warren, Williams, Speaker,	49
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NAYS.

Mr. McKinney,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Patterson,	3
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Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, by unanimous consent, reported the bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds ;

Which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, and

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

It was referred to a select committee of three.

The bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, through Bellevue and Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, to

Michigan, in the county of Ingham, was taken up, and the amendments reported thereto by the committee of the whole, were,

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

Concurred in, in gross.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

The first section was amended by striking out of the second line the words "three thousand five hundred," and inserting "five thousand."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road leading from the village of St. Joseph, in Berrien county, to the village of La Grange, in the county of Cass, was taken up, and the amendments reported thereto by the committee of the whole, were,

On motion of Mr. Turner,

Concurred in, in gross.

Mr. Turner moved the following amendments to the bill, which were severally agreed to, viz :

Add to the end of section one the following : "Fifteen hundred acres of said lands shall be applied in opening and improving that portion of said road lying in the county of Berrien, and the remainder of said land upon that portion of said road lying in the county of Cass" :

Amend section two by striking out all after "commissioner," in the second line, to the word "take," in the sixth line, and insert "who shall before entering upon the discharge of the duties devolved upon him by the provisions of this act" :

Insert the words "or bidders" after "bidder," in the third line of section three :

Add to the end of section six the words "who shall thereupon issue his warrants for the amount drawn against and payable in internal improvement lands included in the above appropriation."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Blades,
Brown,
Crouse,

Mr. Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,

Mr. Patchen,
Russell,
Scott,
H. Stone,

Dodge,
Enos,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Hazard,
Lane,

W. R. Martin,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,

Taylor,
Terry,
Turqer,
Warren,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bingham,
Burnett,
Carver,
King,
Kingsley,
Lawrence,

Mr. Noyes,
Powell,
Quackenbosc,
Smith,
Spencer,

Mr. St. John,
Strong,
Vickery,
Williams,
Young,

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The bill to define a homestead and exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases, was taken up ; and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Laid on the table and made the special order for Friday next.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Terry in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to incorporate the borough of Michilimackinac ; and

Also, reported back with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road in the counties of Livingston and Genesee.

And the question being on accepting the report and discharging the committee, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, March 2, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Clark, Dennis, Howard, Mathews and Murray, were absent on leave.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Speaker announced as the select committee under the resolu-

tion yesterday offered by Mr. Mack, Messrs. Mack, Barlow and Patterson ; and

As the select committee to whom was referred the bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, Messrs. Burnett, Taylor and Campbell.

Mr. Voorheis presented the petition of David Maiden and others, relative to certain university lands in the county of Oakland, which was referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Dimond presented the petition of N. W. Brooks and fourteen others, of the county of St. Clair, for the organization of the county of Sanilac, which was referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Enos presented the remonstrance of a citizen of Berrien county, against rechartering the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, which was,
On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Denton presented the petition of H. C. Noble and others, for the vacation of a certain alley in the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the Mariner's Church company, of Detroit ; and also reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Black Lake plank road company.

Which reports were accepted, the committee discharged and the bills laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the joint resolution relative to the claim of Nelson H. Bennett and Elijah Bennett, together with the substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the bill and substitute laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back the claim of A. Kaminsky, reported in favor of its allowance, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to embody the amount allowed in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the claim referred to the committee of ways and means with the instructions.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported the following entitled bills, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Clinton and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Jackson and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Owosso and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Union City plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and De Witt plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Grand River plank road company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Michigan plank road company ;

Which bills were severally read twice, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without action, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, the bill to incorporate the Plymouth and Detroit plank road company.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Crouse,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of all citizens on the school section upon which the capitol is located, for an appropriation to improve said section, submitted a report thereon, which was,

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed :

The bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improve-

ment warrants of this state and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road leading from the village of St. Joseph, in Berrien county, to the village of La Grange, in the county of Cass ;

The bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, through Bellevue and Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, to Michigan, in the county of Ingham ; and

The House amendments to Senate bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17th, 1847.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Monroe manufacturing company, which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Denton, from the committee on printing, in answer to a resolution yesterday adopted, reported that the message of the Governor had been printed in the French language, and that the copies of such message would soon be distributed among the members.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back the petition of Homer B. Smith and others, for an increase in the highway taxes in the township of Mundy, in Genesee county, reported adverse to the prayer of the petition, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged,

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and recommended their passage :

The Senate bill authorizing Marcus S. Stone to sell certain real estate ; and

The Senate bill to authorize the collection of certain taxes in the township of Flint, county of Genesee.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 1, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend section six of chapter twenty-five, and section nine of chapter twenty-two, and section sixteen of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 1, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return herewith House joint resolution fixing the day of adjournment, which the Senate have passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The consideration of the Senate amendment to the joint resolution fixing the day of the adjournment, was indefinitely postponed.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 1, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to increase the jurisdiction of the county courts, and for other purposes ; and

A bill to organize townships in this state, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am also instructed to inform you that the Senate do insist on their third amendment to the House amendment to the bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, and have appointed a committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on said bill, consisting

of Senators Schwarz, Balch and Thomson, and request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to organize townships in this state, was read twice and referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

The Senate bill to increase the jurisdiction of the county courts, and for other purposes, was read twice and referred to the select committee on the judicial system.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

A committee of conference was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House, on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state.

Mr. Campbell gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize Cholett Cady, Jonathan Hart and Isaac Merrit, to build a dam on the Kalamazoo river, on section twelve, in the township of Battle Creek.

Mr. Taylor, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Grand River plank road company, which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Denton, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the North American mining company, of Detroit, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Eldredge gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate a company to construct a plank road from Romeo to Lapeer village.

Mr. Voorheis, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Dimond,

The bill to organize the county of Sanilac ; and

The bill providing for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands on the state road leading from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary of the county of Lapeer ;

Were taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the Pontiac and Grand River state road from the village of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, to the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

The bill to incorporate the Plymouth and Detroit plank road company, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the laying out, altering and discontinuing highways, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Worden,

The bill to incorporate the Portland and Michigan plank road company, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, by unanimous consent, reported a bill to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Allegan, which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

The bill to authorize certain internal improvements in the several counties of this state, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. St. John gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Sterling plank road company.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the further consideration of the bill to incorporate the borough of Michilimackinac, and it was recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road leading from the village of St. Joseph, in Berrien county, to the village of La Grange, in the county of Cass, was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Enos,
Ferris,
Frazer,

Mr. Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,

Mr. Mulhollen,
Russell,
Scott,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Worden,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Carver,
Hazen,
King,
Kingsley,

Mr. Lawrence,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patterson,
Powell,
Smith,

Mr. Spencer,
St. John,
Strong,
Vickery,
Williams,
Young,

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The bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds, and

The bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847 ;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The House then took up the special order, being the bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Dimond,

The blank in the third line of section ten was filled with the word "Fremont."

On motion of Mr. Lane,

The following was added to stand as section fifteen :

Section 15. That towns numbers eleven and twelve north, of ranges sixteen, seventeen and eighteen west, in the county of Oceana, be and the same are hereby set off from the township of Muskegon, and organized into a separate township, by the name of White River, and the first township meeting shall be held at the house of Charles Mears, in said township.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The third line of section two was amended by striking out " Henry H. Roberts," and inserting " Dwight Rankin."

Mr. Taylor moved to strike out the word " north," where it last occurs in the first line of section fourteen, and insert " south," which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The words " in said township " were added to section one.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The word " Saginaw," was stricken out of the first line of section eight, and " Gratiot " inserted.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The following was added to section eight, viz : " And that town number ten north, of range three west, in the county of Gratiot, be and the same is hereby attached to and made part of the township of Essex, in the county of Clinton."

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Section six was amended by inserting " known as the township of Holland," after the word " next," in the first line, and by adding " for the period of one year from the passage of this act," at the end of the section.

Mr. Campbell moved a reconsideration of the vote by which " Fremont " was inserted in the third line of section ten, which motion prevailed, and

The question recurring upon the motion to insert " Fremont,"

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The motion was amended by substituting " Worth " for " Fremont."

Mr. Harris moved that section seven be stricken out, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Hazen moved to add the following to stand as section sixteen.

"Section 16. That the name of the township of Rowland, in the county of Hillsdale, be and the same is hereby changed to that of Ransom, and by that name it shall hereafter be designated and known.."

Mr. Terry moved to amend the proposed section by striking out "Ransom" and inserting "Felch," which motion was lost.

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend by striking out "Ransom," and inserting "Gordon," which amendment did not prevail, and

The original motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following was added to stand as section seventeen :

Section 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of April next."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Pierce in the chair.

And after spending a short time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported that they had had under consideration, the general order, and asked to be discharged therefrom.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Eldredge moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House yesterday refused to accept the report of, and discharge the committee of the whole, but the House refused to reconsider.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The committee of the whole resumed its sitting on the general order, Mr.. Terry in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Samuel R. Munro ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving a certain road in the county of Ottawa, and building a bridge and causeway at Grand Haven, in said county ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road in the counties of Livingston and Genesee.

And also reported that they had had under consideration a bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank road company, on which they had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again thereon ; which leave was granted.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The House adjourned.

Friday, March 3, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Clark, Dennis, Howard and Murray were absent on leave, and Messrs. Bingham, Frazer, M. B. Martin, Quackenboss and Worden were absent without leave.

Mr. St. John asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Frazer for an indefinite period.

Mr. Patterson for Mr. Quackenboss as above.

Mr. Strong for Mr. Bingham as above.

Mr. Harris for Mr. Worden as above.

Mr. Dodge for Mr. M. B. Martin for the day.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Speaker presented the remonstrance of John Palmer, one of the executors of Julia Anderson, deceased, against the passage of the bill to incorporate the Mariner's Church, of Detroit.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The last named bill was taken from the table, and the bill and remonstrance were referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Pierce presented the petition of William Stoddard and one hundred and forty-five others, for an appropriation of internal improvement lands, to aid in constructing and repairing the road from Marshall, in Calhoun county to Charlotte, in Eaton county ; which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of George Gibson, and ninety others, for a state road, commencing at a point near Ethan Satterlee's, in Montcalm county, to Matthew Van Vleeck's in the county of Ionia; which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

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Mr. Harris also presented the petition of John Davis and forty other

residents of the township of Wabagis, in Kent county, for the organization of a new township; which was referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Harris also presented the petition of forty-five taxable inhabitants of Ionia county, for the passage of a law exempting from taxation all produce or property actually purchased and in store for shipment, which was referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back with amendments and recommended their passage,

The bill to incorporate the borough of Michilimackinac, and

The bill to incorporate the North American mining company, of Detroit.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported a bill for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road in the county of Eaton;

Which was read twice, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back with amendments and recommended its passage,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river; and

Also, reported back without amendment,

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road; and

The bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships in the county of Kalamazoo.

Which reports were accepted, the committee discharged and the bills laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes, was correctly engrossed.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to organize townships in this state.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill

referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

A communication was received from the Auditor General, in reply to a resolution relative to the indebtedness of the Southern rail road company adopted by the House on the first instant, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 2, 1846. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern railroad, and to incorporate the Michigan Southern rail road company, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am instructed to inform you that the Senate do non-concur in the House amendments to the bill to amend chapter ninety-five of title twenty-one of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes, which bill is herewith returned.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to the joint resolution for the construction of a road from some eligible point on Green Bay, Lake Michigan to L'Ance on Kewaweenaw Bay, Lake Superior, and that said joint resolution as amended has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Southern rail road company, was read twice, when

Mr. Eldredge moved that the thirty-seventh rule be suspended, which motion was lost, and

The bill was referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Denton moved that the House recede from their amendment to the Senate bill to amend chapter ninety-five of title twenty-one of

the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes, which motion was lost, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The amendment was insisted on.

Mr. Mack, from the select committee appointed to ascertain and report the number of acres of internal improvement lands which have been, and are proposed to be appropriated by bills now before the House, by unanimous consent, made a report in writing, which was read, when

Mr. Vickery moved that it be laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

A division of the question being called for, it was first taken on laying on the table, and decided in the affirmative.

The question then recurring on the motion to order printed, it did not prevail.

Mr. Burnett, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, by unanimous consent, reported the same back, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The bill and substitute were laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Taylor, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Kent and Montcalm, which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Mulhollen gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to appropriate five hundred acres of internal improvement lands for the purpose of aiding in draining a certain swamp or marsh in the township of Whiteford, in the county of Monroe.

Mr. Eldredge, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Romeo and Lapeer plank road company, which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The bill to extend the limits of the township of Ionia, was taken

from the table, and referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the bill to authorize the collection of certain taxes in the township of Flint, in the county of Genesee, and the bill was taken up and ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company together with the substitute therefor, were taken from the table, and the question being on the adoption of the substitute,

When the Speaker called Mr. Lawrence to the chair.

Mr. Spencer moved to amend the substitute by inserting the following to stand as section two :

Section 2. Section thirty-three of an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company, is hereby amended by striking out from said section, in the fifth line thereof, the words "three-fourths of," so that the annual tax on said company will be one per cent. as provided by this amendment, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Granger,

Mr. Hazard,
Hazen,
Mack,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Palmer,
Patterson,
Russell,

Mr. Scott,
Spencer,
St. John,
Strong,
Turner,
Warren,
Young,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Barlow,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Dimond,
Eldredge,
Enos,
Ferrie,

Mr. Harris,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Mowry,

Mr. Mulhollen,
Noyes,
Patchen,
Pierce,
Powell,
Smith,
H. Stone,
Taylor,
Vickery,

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Mr. Emmons moved to strike out the first section of the substitute:

Pending which,

Mr. Lothrop moved that the bill and substitute be laid on the table, which motion did not prevail, and

The question recurring on the motion to strike out section one, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Patterson,
Baldwin,	Harris,	Scott,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Spencer,
Bingham,	Hazen,	St. John,
Crouse,	Mack,	Strong,
Denton,	Mathews,	Turner,
Dodge,	McKinney,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Young,
Emmons,	Palmer,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Kingsley,	Mr. Patchen,
Blades,	Lane,	Pierce,
Brown,	Lawrence,	Powell,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Russell,
Carver,	Lothrop,	Smith,
Dimond,	W. R. Martin,	H. Stone,
Enos,	Morris,	Taylor,
Ferrie,	Mulhollen,	Terry,
King,	Noyes,	Vickery,

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On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

The bill and substitute were laid on the table.

Mr. Emmons moved an adjournment, but the House refused to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City rail road company, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The bill to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriations of internal improvement lands therefor, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

The bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for the

purpose of improving a state road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, through Bellevue and Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, to Michigan, in the county of Ingham, was read the third time, when

Mr. Mack moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on internal improvement with instructions to amend the second line of section one, by striking out "five thousand" and inserting "twenty-five hundred," which motion was lost.

The bill was then passed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Mulhollen,
Barlow,	Harris,	Patchen,
Blades,	Hazard,	Russell,
Brown,	Lane,	Scott,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	Taylor,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Dimond,	Mathews,	Turner,
Dodge,	McKinney,	Voorheis,
Eldredge,	Morris,	Warren,
Enos,	Mowry,	Speaker, 33

NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. Smith,
Bingham,	Mack,	Spencer,
Burnett,	Noyes,	St. John,
Carver,	Palmer,	Strong,
Hazen,	Patterson,	Vickery,
King,	Powell,	Young, 19
Kingsley,		

The bill to organize certain townships and for other purposes, came up for a third reading, and was,

On motion of Mr. Lane,

Laid on the table.

The bill to authorize the collection of certain taxes in the township of Flint, county of Genesee, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Harris moved that the House adjourn, which motion was lost.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Lothrop, Mathews and Eldredge, as the committee of conference on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two houses on the bill for the repeal of the levying and collecting of the annual tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state.

Mr. Lothrop, by unanimous consent, moved that the communication

from the Executive, covering the report of the acting commissioner to locate the capitol, together with that report, be taken from the table and referred to the committee on ways and means, which motion prevailed.

The House took up for consideration, the special order, being the bill to define a homestead and exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases, when

Mr. Mack moved to amend the same by adding to the first section the following proviso :

“Provided, that such homestead shall not exceed in value five hundred dollars, to be ascertained from the assessment roll of the township in which such homestead is situated.”

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The proviso was amended by striking out the words “five hundred” and inserting “one thousand.”

The proviso as amended was then agreed to.

Mr. Lothrop moved to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, except the last section, and inserting the following :

That a homestead shall consist of any quantity of land, situated and lying together in one body, and the buildings and improvements thereon, when occupied and used by the owner of the same. And whenever the owner of any such homestead shall be desirous of having the same or any part thereof exempted from sale on execution, he may make out and sign a full description of such homestead or so much thereof as he may desire, and deposit the same for record with the register of deeds of the county, in which the lands so described are situated : and the lands so described and recorded shall not be subject to forced sale under any process or proceedings of law, for any debt or debts growing out of, or founded upon contract either express or implied, made after sixty days from the date of such record.

Section 2. It shall be lawful for the owner of such homestead, at any time after he shall have made out and put on record a description of his homestead, or any part thereof as aforesaid, to release the same from record, by making out and executing a certificate to that effect, and filing the same for record with the register of deeds of the county in which the lands so released are situated, and the same shall thereafter be subject to the payment of the debts of such owner in

the same manner as though they had not been set apart and exempt from sale on execution : Provided, that no such certificate shall be received for record, or recorded, or be of any effect whatever, unless the same be signed and duly acknowledged by the wife of such owner, if he be a married man.

Section 3. The register of deeds of the several counties of this state, shall receive and record in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, all descriptions of a homestead or certificates of release as provided for in the two preceding sections of this act, that shall be left with him for that purpose, and he shall be entitled to demand and receive such fees for recording the same as he is now by law entitled to receive for recording deeds.

Pending the question,

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill and amendment were laid on the table.

Mr. Pierce moved that the House adjourn, which motion was decided in the negative.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving a certain road in the county of Ottawa, and building a bridge and causeway at Grand Haven, in said county, and the amendment made in committee of the whole was concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road in the counties of Livingston and Genesee, was taken up, and the amendment made in committee of the whole was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Section four was amended by striking out of the fifth line the words "Commissioner of the State Land Office," and inserting "Auditor General, for warrants drawn against and payable in internal improvement lands," and the corresponding amendments were made throughout the section.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following was added to section six: "And the Auditor General shall issue his warrant drawn against and payable in internal improvement lands, for such amount, to be included in the appropriation by this act."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Samuel R. Munro, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Terry moved an adjournment, which motion was lost.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three rivers plank road company, Mr. Terry in the chair.

And after spending a short time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported the bill back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, March 4, 1846.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and in the absence of the Speaker, was called to order by Mr. Lothrop.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Dennis, Frazer, Howard, Murray, Quackenboss and Worden were absent on leave, and Messrs. Baker, Bingham, Dimond, Emmons, Palmer, H. H. Stone, Warren and Williams were absent without leave.

Mr. Barlow asked and obtained leave of absence for Messrs. Baker and Warren for an indefinite period.

Mr. Mowry for Mr. Dimond as above.

Mr. Hazen for Mr. Williams as above.

Mr. Noyes for Mr. Bingham as above.

Mr. Strong for Mr. Palmer as above.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. H. Stone presented the petition of Bishop Lefevre, for the passage of an act conceding certain lands supposed to be escheated to the state, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Young presented the petition of J. W. Cornfield and sixty-one other citizens of Wayne, for the re-enactment of the law passed at

the regular session of the legislature of 1838, relative to the inspection of fish, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Crouse presented the petition of one hundred and thirty citizens of Livingston county, asking a change in the laws relative to the county poor in said county, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of citizens of Eaton and Clinton counties, for a law granting leave to Peter M. Kinde to construct a dam across Grand River, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the petition of Caroline Worthington, for relief, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her papers from the files of the House.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and leave was granted to the petitioner to withdraw her papers.

Mr. Powell, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, reported back the petition of O. C. Comstock and one hundred and fourteen others, for a tax on dogs, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the petition referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported back without action and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, the petition of John Davis and others, of the township of Wabacis, Kent county, for the organization of a new township.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly engrossed :

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving a certain road in the county of Ottawa, and building a bridge and causeway at Grand Haven, in said county ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road in the counties of Livingston and Genesee.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage,

The bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Kent and Montcalm.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported a bill to establish a state road from the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry, to the village of Charlotte, in the county of Eaton; and

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Mason to Okemos, in Ingham county;

Which bills were read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Southern rail road company, submitted a report thereon in writing;

Which was read, accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the bill, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The report was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker appeared and took the chair.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan March 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed to return herewith a bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road was ordered to be enrolled.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked :

A bill to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road, from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Corunna, in the county of Shiawassee ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the state road from Constantine, in St. Joseph county, to Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, through Cassopolis, in Cass county.

Also to return the following bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill relative to the village of Pontiac ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Detroit and Saginaw turnpike, within the county of Saginaw.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill relative to the village of Pontiac ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Detroit and Saginaw turnpike within the county of Saginaw ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road, from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Corunna, in the county of Shiawassee ; and

The Senate bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the state road from Constantine, in St. Joseph county, to Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, through Cassopolis, in Cass county ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 4, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

The bill to authorize F. G. Hubinger and A. Cramer to erect and maintain a dam across the Cass river, in the county of Saginaw ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony, and settlers now settling in the counties of Saginaw and Tuscola ; and

A bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kalamazoo to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at the village of Kalamazoo, and for other purposes.

I am further instructed to return the bill for the improvement of the Paw Paw river, which the Senate have passed with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kalamazoo to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at the village of Kalamazoo, and for other purposes ; and

The Senate bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony, and settlers now settling in the counties of Saginaw and Tuscola ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The Senate bill to authorize F. G. Hubinger and A. Cramer, to erect and maintain a dam across the Cass river, in the county of Saginaw, was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The Senate amendment to the bill to provide for the improvement of the Paw Paw river, was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval :

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Detroit and Saginaw turnpike, within the county of Saginaw ;

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road ; and

The bill relative to the village of Pontiac.

Mr. Pierce gave notice that he will on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to change the organization of the first Presbyterian Church of the village of Dexter.

The Speaker by unanimous consent, introduced a bill providing for the establishment of a scientific observatory under the patronage of the Detroit Young Mens' Society ; which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Referred to a select committee of five.

The Speaker appointed as such committee Messrs. Pierce, Littlejohn, Terry, Lothrop and Emmons.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That from and after the fifteenth instant, no more reports from standing or select committees, nor new matter of any kind except such as shall be communicated from the Senate, be received for action by this House.

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "or select," which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The words "Executive or," were inserted before "Senate."

On motion Mr. Lawrence,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that he be discharged from acting on the committee on internal improvement, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Voorheis gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section twenty-four of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes.

On motion of Mr. King,

The bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from

the river Sheboygan to Lake Huron, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Campbell, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize Cholett Cady, Jonathan Hart and Isaac Merritt, to erect a dam on section twelve in the township of Battle Creek, which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Spencer, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to abolish the annual poll tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Mathews moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House yesterday refused to order printed the report of the select committee on the amount of internal improvement lands appropriated and proposed to be appropriated, which motion prevailed ; and

The question recurring on ordering the report to be printed, it was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Benrett,
Brown,
Burnett,
Clark,
Crouse,
Eldredge,
Enos,
Granger,
Hazen,
King,
Kingsley,

Mr. Lane,
Lawrence,
Lothrop,
Maek,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Noyes,
Patchen,
Patterson,
Pierce,

Mr. Powell,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Vickery,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Blades,
Campbell,
Denton,
Dodge,
Ferris,

Mr. Harris,
Hazard,
Littlejohn,
M. B. Martin,

Mr. Mulhollen,
Scott,
Terry,
Voorheis,

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Mr. Scott, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton,

to convey certain real estate, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

The joint resolution authorizing a settlement with Nelson H. Bennett and Elijah Bennett, was taken from the table, and it was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

The rule was suspended so as to enable the joint resolution to be now read, and the engrossment having been dispensed with, it was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill to define a homestead and exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases, and the amendment thereto, was taken from the table ; and

The question being on the amendment yesterday moved by Mr. Lothrop,

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the same by adding to section one the following proviso :

"Provided, that all persons who shall comply with the provisions of the first section of this act, shall give notice in some paper published in the county where such person resides, if there be one, if not, in the state paper, for four weeks, which notice shall contain a description of the land put upon record, for exemption from sale."

Mr. Patterson moved to amend the proviso by adding thereto the following :

"Provided, the foregoing provision shall extend only to the county of Almont," which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The proviso was amended by adding the following words thereto :

"Such notice to be published at the option of the person placing the said description upon record."

The question then recurring on the proviso as amended, it was rejected.

Mr. Eldredge moved to add the following proviso to the first section of the amendment :

"Provided, that the register of deeds shall furnish for publication in the state paper, the name of each individual who shall define his homestead, by virtue of this act," which motion was lost.

Mr Mack moved to amend the first section of the amendment by inserting "not exceeding forty acres, nor of greater value than one thousand dollars," after the word "same," in the fifth line.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill and amendment were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to organize certain townships and for other purposes, was taken from the table.

Mr. Mathews moved an adjournment, which did not prevail.

Mr. Lane, by unanimous consent, moved to add the following sections to the bill, which motion prevailed :

Section 17. That so much of the township of Hamtramck, in the county of Wayne, lying east of a line commencing at a point in the Detroit river, where the easterly line of private land claim No. three hundred and eighty-five touches said river, thence following said easterly line north westerly to Conner's Creek, thence up said creek to the south line of section No. ten, in town number one south, of range twelve east, thence east to the south east corner of said section ten, thence north on the said section line to the north line of said county of Wayne, shall be and the same is hereby set off from the said township of Hamtramck and organized into a separate township by the name of Grosse Point, and the first township meeting therein shall be held at the house of Henry Hudson, on Lake St. Clair, in said township.

Sec. 18. That the next township meeting in the township of Hamtramck, shall be held at the house of Joseph Fisher, on the Fort Gratiot road, in said township.

The bill was then read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. McKinney,

The House adjourned.

Monday, March 6, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Baker, Bingham, Dimond, Frazer, How-

ard, Murray, Palmer, Quackenboss, Warren and Worden, were absent on leave, and Mr. H. H. Stone was absent without leave.

Mr. McKinney asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. H. H. Stone, for an indefinite period.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Mr. Pierce presented the petition of Joseph Sibley and one hundred and seventy others, for the repeal of the act incorporating the village of Marshall, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Clark presented two several petitions of citizens of Jackson and Lenawee counties, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from the capitol to Harrison, in Lenawee county, by the way of the village of Jackson, which were referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Clark also presented the remonstrance of one hundred and thirty-five citizens of the counties of Lenawee and Hillsdale, against the extension of time for the payments due from the Southern rail road company to the state, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Clark also presented the memorial of one hundred and thirty-four citizens of Lenawee county, for an alteration in the charter of the Southern rail road company, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Emmons presented the petition of G. Williams and one hundred and thirty-one others, and of J. H. Bagg and thirty-seven others, for the passage of a law requiring the inspection of fish, which were referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. McKinney presented the petition of twenty-three citizens of Van Buren county, praying the legislature to use its influence to prevent the extension of slavery in Oregon, New Mexico, the Californias, or any territory which now is or hereafter may become territory of the United States, which was referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Lawrence presented the petition of W. S. Maynard and others, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Ann Arbor to Monroe, and for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Ann Arbor to the town of Michigan,

which were referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill for the improvement of the Paw Paw river, was correctly enrolled and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back with amendments, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to authorize F. G. Hubinger and A. Cramer to erect and maintain a dam across the Cass river in the county of Saginaw.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

M. Pierce, from the select committee, to whom was referred the bill providing for the establishment of a scientific observatory, under the patronage of the Detroit Young Mens' Society, reported the same back with amendments.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 6, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to authorize proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes ;

A bill to authorize the minor heirs of Sophia Howell, late of Hillsdale county, deceased, to convey certain real estate ; and

A bill to vacate a certain alley in the village of Albion, Calhoun county.

Also a concurrent resolution constituting the judiciary committee of both Houses a joint committee for the purpose of reporting to each House as to the title of this state to any portion of lots in the town of Michigan, by virtue of Townsend's proposition and bond, executed to the state previous to the location of the capitol, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am also instructed to return herewith the following bills, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor; and

A bill directing the publication of a statement of lands to be sold in Clinton county in 1848.

Also, the following bills and joint resolution, in which the Senate have concurred, viz :

A bill to authorize Joel Andrews, of the county of Ionia, to convey certain real estate ;

A bill to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes, entitled of the relief of insolvent debtors, on the application of an insolvent and his creditors ; and

Joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of James Watkins.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate do insist in their previous action on the House amendment to the bill to amend chapter ninety-five of title twenty-one of the revised statutes of 1846, and that a committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on said bill has been appointed on the part of the Senate, consisting of Senators McCabe, Cook and Fitzgerald, and that the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to authorize Joel Andrews, of the county of Ionia, to convey certain real estate ;

The bill to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes, entitled of the relief of insolvent debtors, on the application of an insolvent and his creditors ; and

The joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of James Watkins ;

Were severally ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill authorizing proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes ;

The Senate bill to vacate a certain alley in the village of Albion ;

The Senate bill to authorize the minor heirs of Sophia Howell, late of Hillsdale county, deceased, to convey certain real estate ; and

The Senate concurrent resolution constituting the committees on the judiciary of both Houses a joint committee for certain purposes ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The first Senate amendment to the bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor, was concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill and remaining amendments were laid on the table.

The Senate amendments to the bill directing a publication of a statement of lands to be sold in Clinton county in 1848, were severally concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Kingsley, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Michigan and Monroe plank road company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Voorheis,

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the construction of a free bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on general order.

Mr. St. John, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Sterling plank road company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Campbell gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Temple building company, of Battle Creek.

Mr. Patterson, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Lenawee, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Mulhollen offered a joint resolution fixing the day of adjournment, which was read, when

Mr. Mack moved that the fifteenth rule be suspended, which motion was lost.

The joint resolution was then laid on the table.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving a certain road in the county of Ottawa, and building a bridge and causeway at Grand Haven, in said county; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road in the counties of Livingston and Genesee;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

Mr. Terry, by unanimous consent, moved to take from the table the bill to define a homestead and exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases, together with the amendments thereto, which motion prevailed; and

The question being on the motion made on Saturday by Mr. Mack, to amend the first section of the amendment, by inserting "not exceeding forty acres nor of greater value than one thousand dollars," after the word "same" in the fifth line, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Mathews moved to amend the first section of the amendment by striking out all after the word "execution" in the fifth line, and inserting "may record his or her name with the register of deeds of his or her county, and the person so recording his or her name, shall be exempt from all laws for the collection of debts growing out of or founded upon contract, either expressed or implied," which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The first section of the amendment was amended by striking out the word "and" after "occupied," in the third line, and inserting "or."

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The first section of the amendment was amended by striking out the words "when occupied or used by the owner of the same."

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The first section of the amendment was amended by striking out "of any such homestead shall be desirous of having the same or any part thereof exempted from sale on execution, he may make out," and inserting "or other person having any interest therein, shall be desirous of having such homestead exempted from sale on execution, he may prepare and sign a full description of such homestead, or so much thereof as he may desire, clearly defining his interest, if less than a freehold in the same," and by inserting "or any interest in the same," after the word "lands."

Mr. Mack moved to amend the third section of the amendment, by striking out of the first line the words "register of deeds" and insert "township clerks," which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The third section of the amendment was amended by inserting "and the clerks of the several townships," after the word "counties," in the first line, and by inserting "in which the said homestead is situated," after the word "state," in the second line.

Mr. Patterson moved to amend the first section of the amendment by inserting after "county," in the eighth line, the words "and also send a description of the same to the several brokers offices in Wall street, New York city," which motion was lost.

Mr. Mathews moved to add the following proviso to section three of the amendment, which motion was lost, viz:

"Provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to grant to the person so exempting his property, to use or exercise banking powers or privileges, and the legislature shall have power to alter, amend or repeal this act at any time."

Mr. Scott moved to add the following proviso to section one of the amendment, which proviso was rejected :

"Provided, that such exemption shall not extend to any contract for the purchase of any homestead aforesaid, nor upon any judgment rendered for work and labor actually performed by the creditor for the owner of such homestead."

Mr. Mack moved to add the following proviso to section one of the amendment, which motion did not prevail :

"Provided, that no provision of this bill shall exempt such home

stead from sale on execution, if the owner of the debt shall file an affidavit with the court issuing such execution, that he is not worth two hundred and fifty dollars over and above his just liabilities."

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The first section of the amendment was amended by inserting "and with the clerk of the township" after the word "county" in the eighth line, and the second section was amended by the same insertion after the word "county" in the sixth line.

Mr. Lawrence moved to amend section one of the amendment, by striking out the words "situated and lying together in one body."

Pending which,

Mr. Spencer moved to commit the bill and amendments to the committee on banks and incorporations, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Carver,
Dodge,
Enos,
Granger,
Hazen,

Mr. Kingsley,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
McKinney,
Morris,
Patterson,
Pierce,
Russell,

Mr. Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Brown,
Burnett,
Clark,
' rouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Ferris,

Mr. Harris,
Hazard,
King,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Mack,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,

Mr. Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Noyes,
Powell,
Scott,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,

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Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, by unanimous consent; reported a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Hiram Bunham certain lands settled for saline purposes, which bill was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took p the bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank road

The Senate bill to authorize the minor heirs of Sophia Howell, late of Hillsdale county, deceased, to convey certain real estate ; and

The bill to vacate a certain alley in the village of Albion, in Calhoun county.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage,

The Senate bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony and settlers now settling in the counties of Saginaw and Tuscola.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to provide for the completion of the capitol buildings and for the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriations therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank road company, was correctly engrossed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills and joint resolution were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes, entitled of the relief of insolvent debtors on the application of an insolvent and his creditors ;

The bill to authorize Joel Andrews, of the county of Ionia, to convey certain real estate ;

The bill directing the publication of a statement of lands to be sold in Clinton and Ingham counties, in 1848 ; and

The joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of James Watkins.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported a bill to authorize Peter M. Kinde to build a dam across Grand River;

Which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported back with amendments and recommended its passage, the bill to authorize Cholet Cady, Jonathan Hart, and Isaac Merritt to erect a dam on section twelve in the township of Battle Creek.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Southern rail road company, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the bill and substitute laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back with amendments, the bill to define a homestead and to exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Lothrop, from the same committee, reported back the substitute for the foregoing bill, with sundry amendments thereto.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Terry moved that the bill and substitute be laid on the table, and be printed as amended, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Emmons moved that the whole subject be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

The amendments to the bill reported by the committee, were then severally concurred in.

Mr. Lane moved to amend the eighth line of the first section of the bill by striking out the words "third day of July, A. D., 1848," and inserting "first day of February, A. D., 1849," which motion was lost.

Mr. Mack moved that the third section of the bill be amended by

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Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

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Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Terry moved that the bill and substitute be laid on the table, and be printed as amended, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Emmons moved that the whole subject be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

The amendments to the bill reported by the committee, were then severally concurred in.

Mr. Lane moved to amend the eighth line of the first section of the bill by striking out the words "third day of July, A. D., 1848," and inserting "first day of February, A. D., 1849," which motion was lost.

Mr. Mack moved that the third section of the bill be amended by

adding thereto the following : "and in all cases upon issuing of an execution upon judgment rendered after the time this act shall take effect, the officer issuing the same shall, if such be the case, certify under his hand by endorsement in writing on the back, of such execution that the said judgment was rendered upon a contract made before the third day of July, 1848, and such endorsement shall be conclusive evidence to the officer executing the same of said fact."

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word "conclusive," before "evidence," and inserting "prima facie," which motion was lost.

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after "1848," which motion prevailed.

The question then recurring on the amendment as amended, it was rejected.

Mr. Lawrence moved to strike out the seventh section of the bill, which section is in the following words :

"Sec. 7. Nothing in this act shall be considered as exempting any real estate from taxation or sale for taxes."

Mr. Terry asked to be excused from voting on the question of striking out, but the House refused to excuse him.

The question then being on the motion to strike out, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Burnett,
Clark,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Eldredge,

Mr. Emmons,
Hazard,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Mack,

Mr. Mowry,
Palmer,
Powell,
Scott,
Williams,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Dodge,
Enos,
Ferrie,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazen,

Mr. King,
Kingsley,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mulhollen,
Patchen,
Patterson,
Pierce,

Mr. Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Young,
Speaker,

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Mr. Noyes moved to amend the first section by striking out all after the word "land," in the first line, down to and including the word "village," in the sixth line, which motion was lost.

The substitute was then taken up for consideration, and the question being on concurring in the first amendment thereto, reported by the committee on banks and incorporations, which amendment inserted the words "when occupied or used by the owner of the same," after "therein," in the fourth line of section one, when

Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend the amendment so that the words to be inserted will read, "when occupied and used," which motion prevailed, and the amendment as amended was then concurred in.

The second and third amendments reported by the committee were severally concurred in.

The fourth amendment, which added a new section in the words following, being under consideration :

Sec. 4. At the death of the owner of any homestead, duly recorded as above, the same shall not be subject to be sold for the payment of any of the debts of the deceased, other than those for which it was previously liable, but it shall descend to and be distributed among his or her heirs or devisees, according to law, and any person residing in this state inheriting any such homestead, or any part thereof, may, by recording the same or any part thereof as a homestead, in the manner provided for in the first section of this act, within thirty days after becoming entitled to such inheritance, exempt the same from any liability to be taken and sold by any process or proceeding of law for any debts of such person contracted previous to the vesting of such inheritance."

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The proposed section was amended by striking out the words "becoming entitled to," and inserting "coming into possession of."

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The following substitute for the proposed section was adopted :

Sec. 4. After the death of any person having a homestead, as aforesaid, the same shall not be liable for his debts otherwise than if he were living, and said homestead not released from record.

The question being on concurring in the fifth amendment reported by the committee, which amendment adds a new section, as follows :

Sec. 5. Any married woman residing in this state may at any time apply to the judge of probate of the county where she may reside, for the dedication of a suitable portion of any lands owned by her husband as a homestead, and if such judge shall become satisfied that her husband, either by improvidence, intemperance or other misconduct, is endangering the security of his home, the said judge of probate may by decree dedicate and set off such portion of the land of such husband as to such judge shall seem reasonable and just, for a homestead for such married woman and her family; which decree shall be duly recorded as in other cases of recording a homestead, and thereupon such homestead shall be exempt from all of the husband's debts contracted subsequent to the record of such decree, and shall remain so exempt until the judge of probate shall direct the record of such homestead to be cancelled.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following substitute for the proposed section was adopted:

Sec. 5. Whenever the owner, occupant or other person interested in any lands, buildings or other fixtures thereon, being at the time a married man, shall neglect or refuse to describe and procure the record of his homestead as provided in the first section of this act, and it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the judge of probate of the county in which the said premises are situated that the said owner, occupant or other person interested therein, by reason of imbecility, intemperance or other vicious habits, is likely to squander his property and impoverish his family, the said judge of probate, upon the application of the wife of such person, may direct a true description of said homestead or any part thereof, duly signed by such wife to be recorded by the register of said county and clerk of his township, in the manner that other homesteads are to be by him recorded, and the record thereof shall have the same force and effect as though the same had been procured to be done by her said husband, and such homestead or any part thereof may be released in the same manner as provided in the first section for the release of other homesteads, or upon the order or decree of such judge of probate.

Mr. Lane moved that the following section be added to the bill, which motion was lost:

"Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of February, A. D. 1849."

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The following section was added to the bill:

"Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after the fourth day of July next."

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The first section was amended by striking out the words "situated and lying together in one body."

Mr. Denton moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Bingham and Williams were absent without leave.

Mr. Noyes asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Bingham, for the day.

On motion of Mr. Young,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Powell moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the words "situated and lying together in one body," were stricken out, which motion was lost.

Mr. Taylor moved the previous question, which was demanded by a majority of the House, and

The main question was ordered to be now put, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,
Carver,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Enos,
Granger,

Mr. Hazard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Palmer,

Mr. Patterson,
Pierce,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Young,

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NAYS.

Mr. Clark,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Harris,
Hazen,

Mr. Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Noyes,
Patchen,

Mr. Powell,
Scott,
Terry,
Speaker,

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The question then being on the adoption of the substitute, it was decided in the negative by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Noyes,
Burnett,	Harris,	Palmer,
Campbell,	Hazard,	Powell,
Clark,	Lawrence,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	Littlejohn,	Strong,
Denton,	Lothrop,	Terry,
Eldredge,	Mack,	Speaker,
Emmons,	M. B. Martin,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Kingsley,	Mr. Russell,
Barlow,	Lane,	Scott,
Bennett,	W. R. Martin,	Smith,
Blades,	Mathews,	Spencer,
Carver,	McKinney,	St. John,
Dennis,	Morris,	Taylor,
Dodge,	Mowry,	Turner,
Enos,	Mulhollen,	Vickery,
Granger,	Patchen,	Voorheis,
Hazen,	Patterson,	Young,
King,	Pierce,	

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The main question being on ordering the bill to be engrossed and read the third time, it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. King,	Mr. Smith,
Barlow,	Kingsley,	Spencer,
Bennett,	W. R. Martin,	St. John,
Blades,	Mathews,	Turner,
Carver,	McKinney,	Vickery,
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Voorheis,
Enos,	Patterson,	Young,
Granger,	Pierce,	Speaker,
Hazen,	Russell,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Noyes,
Burnett,	Hazard,	Palmer,
Campbell,	Lane,	Patchen,
Clark,	Lawrence,	Powell,
Crouse,	Littlejohn,	Scott,
Dennis,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Denton,	Mack,	Strong,
Eldredge,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Emmons,	Morris,	Terry,
Ferris,	Mowry,	

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Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, reported a bill to amend chapter thirty of the revised statutes of the state of Michigan, which was read twice, and on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Adrian and White Pigeon plank road company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Eaton Rapids plank road company ;

Which bills were severally read twice and laid on the table.

Mr. Mowry, from the sub-committee appointed by the committees on state prison of the two Houses, submitted a written report, which was,

On motion of Mr. Denton,

Laid on the table, and five hundred extra copies ordered to be printed.

The following communication was announced from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, March 7, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes, entitled of the relief of insolvent debtors, on the application of an insolvent and his creditors ; also

An act directing the publication of a statement of lands to be sold in Clinton and Ingham counties in 1848 ; also

A joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of James Watkins ; and

An act to authorize Joel Andrews of the county of Ionia, to convey certain real estate.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 6, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bill and joint resolution which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to authorize Asquire W. Aldrich to build a dam across the Clinton river in the county of Macomb ;

Joint resolution relative to obtaining from the Congress of the United States, to and for the use of the St. Marys canal company, the right of way of constructing a canal at the Saute Ste Marie, over and upon the lands now held by the general government as a military reserve.

I am further instructed to return herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked :

A bill relative to plank roads ; and

A bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate joint resolution relative to obtaining from the Congress of the United States, to and for the use of the St. Marys canal company, the right of way of constructing a canal at the Saute Ste Marie, over and upon the lands now held by the general government as a military reserve, was read twice and referred to the committee on state affairs.

The Senate bill to authorize Asquire W. Aldrich to build a dam across the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb, was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The House took up the bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company, and the question being on concurring in the Senate amendments thereto,

Mr. Burnett moved a call of the House, which was had, and it was found that Messrs. Bennett, Brown, Dennis, Enos, Granger, Harris, Hazen, King, McKinney, Morris, Williams and Young, were absent without leave.

Mr. Terry asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Williams, for the day.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched for the absentees.

The absentees having returned,

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then being on concurring in the Senate amendment to the bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company, which amendment strikes out the fifth section of the bill, it was non-concurred in by the following vote, two-thirds of all the members not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Emmons,	Mr. Palmer,
Blades,	Ferris,	Patchen,
Brown,	Hazard,	Powell,
Burnett,	Hazen,	Russell,
Campbell,	King,	Taylor,
Carver,	Kingsley,	Terry,
Clark,	Lothrop,	Voorheis,
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Young,
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Speaker,
Eldredge,		28

NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Mack,	Mr. Patterson,
Bennett,	M. B. Martin,	Pierce,
Enos,	Mathews,	Scott,
Granger,	McKinney,	St. John,
Harris,	Morris,	Strong,
Lane,	Mowry,	Turner,
Littlejohn,	Noyes,	Vickery,
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Mr. Littlejohn moved a reconsideration of the last vote, which motion prevailed ; and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill and amendment were laid on the table.

Mr. Campbell, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Temple building company of Battle Creek, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Pierce, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to change the name of the first Presbyterian society of the village of Dexter, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, by unanimous consent, reported back the Senate joint resolution relative to obtaining from the Congress of the United States, to and for the use of the St. Mary's canal company, the right of way of constructing a canal at the Saute Ste Marie, over and upon lands now held by the general

government as a military reserve, together with a substitute therefor, which substitute was adopted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Eanmons,

The rules were suspended and the joint resolution was read the third time and passed.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Patterson to fill the vacancy in the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, March 8, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Baker, Dimond, Frazer, Howard, Murray, Quackenboss, H. H. Stone, Warren and Worden, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Baldwin, Blades and Scott, were absent without leave.

Mr. Mack asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Baldwin for an indefinite period.

Mr. Kingsley for Mr. Scott, as above.

Mr. Denton for Mr. Blades, as above.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Voorheis presented the petition of sundry citizens of Oakland county, relative to university lands, which was referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Mathews presented the petition of Daniel Hickcox and other citizens of Oakland county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road on the line of the Detroit and Grand River road, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to authorize Asquire W. Aldrich to build a dam across the Clinton river, in Macomb county.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill re-

ferred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, who were instructed to inquire by what authority the timber has been cut and taken from the unsold portion of the school section in the township of Lansing, and also to inquire by what authority the lands on said section are flowed by reason of a dam across Grand River, submitted a written report thereon ;

Which was read, accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The report was laid on the table.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment, the bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Lenawee.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, reported a bill for the registration of marriages, births and deaths ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 7, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked :

A bill for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanic arts ;

A bill to authorize Lois Young to sell certain real estate ;

A bill repealing sections six, seven and eight of chapter one hundred and fourteen of title twenty-four of the revised statutes ;

A bill to amend chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

Joint resolutions numbered sixty-one and sixty-two respectively, each proposing amendments to the constitution.

I am further instructed to return the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of the House.

Also, to return the following bills and joint resolution, in which the Senate have concurred :

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Joseph Miller, John Cannon, David W. Noyes and Loren Andrews, certain lands selected for saline purposes ;

A bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes ; and
Joint resolution relative to the claim of John L. Smith, Hosea B. Richardson and Samuel Richardson.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Joseph Miller, John Cannon, David W. Noyes and Loren Andrews, certain lands for saline purposes ;

The bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes ; and

The joint resolution relative to the claim of John L. Smith, Hosea B. Richardson and Samuel Richardson ; were ordered to be enrolled.

The first and third Senate amendments to the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, were severally concurred in, and the second Senate amendment was non-concurred.

The Senate bill for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures and mechanic arts, was read twice and referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

The Senate bill to authorize Lois Young to sell certain real estate ;

The Senate bill repealing sections six, seven and eight, of chapter one hundred and fourteen of title twenty-four of the revised statutes ;

The Senate bill to amend chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of 1846 ; and

The Senate joint resolutions numbers sixty-one and sixty-two, proposing amendments to the constitution ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

It was ordered that there be appointed a committee of conference on the part of the House, on the disagreement between the two Houses

es on the bill to amend chapter ninety-five of title twenty-one of the revised statutes.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Campbell, Littlejohn and Williams as such committee.

On motion of Mr. Barlow,

A bill providing for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor, was taken from the table.

The question being on concurring in the second Senate amendment thereto, it was concurred in, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Turner gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter eighty-four of the revised statutes.

Mr. Smith gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for constructing roads and bridges, and draining swamps and marshes in Calhoun county.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill for the establishment of a scientific observatory under the patronage of the Detroit Young Men's Society, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Terry gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill prohibiting the circulation of money in this state, of the notes of banks located in any foreign country.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to the elective franchise, was taken from the table; and

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution, which is in the following words:

"Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendment is proposed to the constitution of this state, viz: "Strike out in the first clause of the second article of said constitution the word "white."

Resolved further, That the said proposed amendment be referred to the next legislature, and to that end the Secretary of State shall cause

this resolution to be published for three months previous to the next general election for members of the legislature, in the state paper.

It was passed by yeas and nays as follows, a majority of all the members elected voting therefor :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Russell,
Benrett,	Hazen,	Smith,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Spencer,
Blades,	Lane,	Strong,
Burnett,	Lawrence,	Terry,
Clark,	W. R. Martin,	Taylor,
Dennis,	Mathews,	Turner,
Denton,	McKinney,	Voorheis,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Williams,
Emmons,	Palmer,	Young,
Enos,	Patchen,	Speaker,
Granger,	Pierce,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Mulhollen,
Campbell,	King,	Noyes,
Carver,	Littlejohn,	Powell,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	St. John,
Dodge,	Mack,	H. Stone,
Ferris,	Morris,	Vickery,

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On motion of Mr. Mathews,

The bill to provide for the completion of the capitol buildings and for the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriations therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Clark moved that so much of the rules be suspended as may be necessary to enable the member from Calhoun, (Mr. Campbell,) to move a reconsideration of the vote upon the adoption of the substitute for the bill to define a homestead and exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases, and upon ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and take the sense of the House thereon without a division of the question, which motion prevailed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Emmons,	Mr. Palmer,
Barlow,	Enos,	Pierce,

Bennett,	Ferria,	Powell,
Bingham,	Granger,	Russell,
Blades,	Harris,	Spencer,
Brown,	Hazard,	Terry,
Campbell,	Kingsley,	Turner,
Carver,	Littlejohn,	Vickery,
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	Voorheis,
Crouse,	Morris,	Williams,
Dennis,	Mulhollen,	Young,
Dodge,	Noyes,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Denton,	Mr. W. R. Martin,	Mr. Smith,
Eldredge,	Mathews,	St. John,
King,	McKinney,	H. Stone,
Lane,	Mowry,	Strong,
Lawrence,	Patchen,	Taylor,
Mack,	Patterson,	

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Mr. Campbell then moved that the House reconsider the vote by which it had refused to order engrossed the bill to define a homestead, and to exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases, and the vote by which the substitute for the aforesaid bill was rejected.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Mr. Eldredge was excused from voting.

The question then recurring on the motion to reconsider, it prevailed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Kingsley,	Mr. Russell,
Barlow,	Lawrence,	Smith,
Bennett,	Littlejohn,	Spencer,
Blades,	Lothrop,	St. John,
Campbell,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Carver,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Dennis,	Morris,	Turner,
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Vickery,
Enos,	Patterson,	Voorheis,
Ferria,	Pierce,	Young,
Granger,	Powell,	Speaker,
Harris,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Noyes,
Brown,	King,	Palmer,
Burnett,	Lane,	Patchen,
Clark,	Mack,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	Mathews,	Strong,
Denton,	McKinney,	Williams,
Emmons,	Mowry,	

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Mr. Spencer moved that the bill and substitute be recommitted to the committee on the judiciary, with instructions to report in lieu of the same, a bill corresponding in its sections and provisions with a public act passed by the general assembly of the state of Connecticut, entitled an act in addition to an act for the regulation of civil actions, approved June 24, 1847, with an additional section, to wit :

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the 20th day of January, A. D. 1849," which motion was lost.

Mr. Terry moved that the bill and substitute be laid on the table and ordered to be printed, which motion was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Pierce,
Barlow,	Harris,	Powell,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Smith,
Brown,	Littlejohn,	Taylor,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	Terry,
Carver,	M. B. Martin,	Turner,
Emmons,	Noyes,	Voorheis,
Ferris,	Patterson,	Speaker,
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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. King,	Mr. Palmer,
Burnett,	Lane,	Patchen,
Crouse,	Mack,	Spencer,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	St. John,
Dodge,	Mathews,	H. Stone,
Eldredge,	McKinney,	Strong,
Enos,	Morris,	Vickery,
Granger,	Mowry,	Williams,
Hazard,	Mulhollen,	Young,
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On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The whole subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Voorheis,

The following entitled bills were taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order, viz :

A bill to lay out state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent ;

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry, to the village of Charlotte, in the county of Eaton ;
and

A bill to authorize Cholett Cady, Jonathan Hart and Isaac Merriit,

to build a dam on Kalamazoo river, on section twelve, in the township of Battle Creek.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

The bill for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road, in the county of Eaton, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

Resolved, That the committee on printing be instructed to inquire why the bill to lay out a state road in the county of Ingham, reported on the fourth instant by the committee on roads and bridges, has not been printed, according to a standing rule of this House.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, was taken from the table.

Mr. Campbell, moved to amend the third line of the first section of the bill, by striking out the words "apply in the fourth line and in lieu thereof," and insert "offered where it last occurs, in the third line, to the word after, inclusive, where it last occurs in the fourth line and," which motion prevailed.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The rules were suspended, and the engrossment having been dispensed with, the bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The following entitled bills were taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order, viz:

A bill to incorporate the Marshall manufacturing company, in the county of Calhoun; and

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Hiram Burnham certain lands selected for saline purposes.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company, was taken from the table; and

The question being on concurring in the Senate amendment thereto which amendment strikes out the fifth section of the bill, it was non-concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Emmons,
Lothrop,

Mr. Terry,

Mr. Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,
Carver,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dodge,
Enos,
Ferris,
Granger,Mr. Harris,
Hazard,
Hazen,
Kingsley,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Patchen,Mr. Patterson,
Powell,
Russell,
Scott,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Young,

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On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships in the county of Kalamazoo, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Young moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the consideration of the report of the committee on elections, and that it be made the special order for Saturday next, which motion was lost.

Mr. Noyes gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act to extend Fort street in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from Detroit river to Dearbornville, approved March 27, 1887.

On motion of Mr. Patterson,

The bill to provide for internal improvement in the county of Leawee, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The bill to authorize certain persons to convey lands in the county of Allegan, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Mowry gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands

for the building of bridges and improvement of roads in the county of Oakland.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The bill relative to the discharge of judgments and decrees, and for other purposes, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Denton moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the consideration of the bill to incorporate the North American mining company, which motion prevailed, and the bill was taken up, when

Mr. Taylor moved that the vote discharging the committee of the whole be reconsidered, which was agreed to ; and

The question recurring on the motion to discharge the committee of the whole from the consideration of the bill, it was withdrawn by the mover.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 8, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Ingham, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand River, in the county Ingham, was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

On motion of Mr. Emmons.

The bill to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of

Jackson, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Mulhollen moved to take from the table the joint resolution fixing the day of adjournment, which motion was lost.

Mr. Eldredge moved that the standing committees of the House be instructed to report on all matters now referred to them, on or before the fifteenth instant.

Mr. Young moved to amend the motion by inserting "and select," before "committees," which motion was lost ; and

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Mr. Lawrence moved that the whole subject be laid on the table, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Mulhollen, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for draining a certain marsh, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to amend chapter thirty of the revised statutes of the state of Michigan was ordered to be printed.

The bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank road company, was read the third time, when,

Mr. Young, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the fourth section by striking out therefrom the words "this act shall be and remain in force for the term of fifty years from and after its passage, but," which motion was lost,

The Speaker called Mr. Harris to the chair.

Mr. Littlejohn, by unanimous consent, moved to add the following proviso to section four :

"Provided, that no such amendment or alteration shall at any time be made to reduce the tolls of said company, unless the yearly gross receipts of said company shall amount to twenty per cent. upon the capital stock actually paid in," which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The Speaker was excused from voting thereon.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, the following was the vote thereon:

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Mulhollen,
Barlow,	Harris,	Palmer,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Patchen,
Bingham,	Hazen,	Patterson,
Blades,	King,	Powell,
Brown,	Lane,	Russell,
Burnett,	Kingsley,	Scott,
Campbell,	Lawrence,	Smith,
Clark,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	Mack,	Strong,]
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Dodge,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Emmons,	Mathews,	Vickery,
Enos,	Mowry,	Williams,
Ferris,		

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Mr. Carver,	Mr. McKinney,	Mr. St. John,
Dennis,	Pierce,	Young,
Eldredge,	Spencer,	

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The Speaker (Mr. Harris in the chair,) declared the bill passed by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Eldredge appealed from that decision.

On motion of Taylor,

The appeal was laid on the table.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill relative to plank roads; and

The question being on concurring in the Senate amendments thereto, the first, second, third and fourth amendments were severally concurred in, and the fifth amendment was non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The vote concurring in the fourth Senate amendment was reconsidered; and

The question recurring on concurring in the fourth amendment, it was non-concurred in.

The question being on concurring in the sixth Senate amendment,

which amendment inserts the words "or village after "incorporated city," wherever they occur.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The amendment was amended by inserting the words "the president and trustees of any incorporated," before "village," and

The amendment as amended was concurred in.

The question then being on concurring in the seventh Senate amendment, which amendment inserts the words "and of such grade as not to exceed an ascent or descent on any part of said road of more than ten degrees" after "thick" in the third line of section sixteen.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The amendment was amended by striking out "ten degrees," and inserting "one foot in ten feet," and

The amendment as amended was concurred in.

The eighth Senate amendment was concurred in.

The question being on concurring in the ninth Senate amendment, which amendment inserts the words "and illegally" after "forcibly" in the twenty-first line of section seventeen,

Mr. Lothrop moved to amend the amendment by striking out "and" and inserting "or," which motion was lost.

Mr. Terry moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to amend the ninth amendment, which motion prevailed, and

The question recurring on Mr. Lothrop's motion, it was not agreed to, and

The ninth and tenth Senate amendments were severally concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, March 9, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Baker, Frazer, Howard H. H. Stone, Warren and Worden, were absent on leave.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Pierce presented the petition of Joseph Bosworth and others, and of William Hammend and others, for an appropriation of internal improvement lands on the highway from Marshall, in Calhoun county, to Charlotte, in Eaton county, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Murray presented the petition of B. F. Fish and twenty-eight other citizens of Berrien county, for an alteration in the license law ; and

The petition of Jasper Mason and fifty-five other citizens of Berrien county, for the re-enactment of the garnishee law, which petitions were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Clark presented the petition of one hundred citizens of the county of Lenawee, for an alteration in the license law ; and

The petition of seventy-eight citizens of the village of Adrian, in Lenawee county, for an alteration in the license law, so that moneys so collected shall apply to the benefit of fire departments, which petitions were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to amend an act entitled an act authorizing any persons to construct lines of electric telegraph in the state of Michigan ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back the Senate bill to authorize Lois Young to sell certain real estate, with amendments, and recommended its passage.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill repealing sections six, seven and eight, of chapter one hundred and fourteen of title twenty-four of the revised statutes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingale, from the same committee reported back the petition of O. C. Comstock and others, for a tax on dogs, and reported *adverse* to the prayer of the petition.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Detroit and Utica plank road company, which was read twice and laid on the table.

Mr. Lothrop, from the same committee, reported a bill to repeal the charter of the village of Marshall ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Joseph Miller, John Cannon, David W. Noyes and Loren Andrews, certain lands selected for saline purposes ; and

The joint resolution relative to the claim of John L. Smith, Hosea B. Richardson and Samuel Richardson, were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Denton, from the committee on printing, who were instructed to inquire and report why the bill to establish a state road from the village of Mason to Okemos, in the county of Ingham, had not been printed, reported that the bill had been printed and laid on the tables of members.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 8, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a joint resolution relative to a claim of Charles W. Chapel and David M. Price, for damages against the state of Michigan, which the Senate have passed and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have adopted House substitute for joint resolution relative to obtaining from the Congress of the United States, to and for the use of the St. Mary's canal company, the right of way of constructing a canal at the Saut Ste Marie, over and upon lands owned by the general government as a military reserve, and that said resolution as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

I am also instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to the concurrent resolution constituting the

committee on the judiciary of both Houses a joint committee for certain purposes therein named.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate joint resolution relative to a claim of Charles W. Chapel and David M. Price for damages against the state of Michigan, was read twice, when

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The rules were suspended and the joint resolution was ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Taylor moved that the bill to define a homestead and to exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases, together with the substitute therefor, and the amendments thereto, be taken from the table and referred to a select committee of five, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Noyes, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act to extend Fort street in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from Detroit river to Dearbornville, approved March 22, 1837, which was read twice, when

Mr. Young moved that the rules be suspended, so that the bill might now be taken up and finally acted on, which motion was lost ; and

The bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Mowry, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Oakland, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands to construct roads and bridges or for draining swamps and marshes in Calhoun county, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Denton gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company.

Mr. Turner, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave

to introduce a bill to amend an act to amend the revised statutes of 1846, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The appeal from the decision yesterday made by the chair, (Mr. Harris,) that the bill to incorporate the Three Rivers plank road company was passed by a constitutional vote, was taken from the table.

And the question being shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House, when

Mr. Turner moved a call of the House, which motion was lost; and

The recurring question being, shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House, it was decided in the negative by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Campbell,
Clark,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Hazard,
King,

Mr. M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mulhollen,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,

Mr. Scott,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,
Carver,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Eldredge,
Enos,

Mr. Ferris,
Granger,
Hazen,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,

Mr. Noyes,
Patterson,
Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
St. John,
Strong,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Young,
Speaker,

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And under this decision of the House, the bill was declared lost.

Mr. Pierce moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was lost, which motion prevailed, and

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. Pierce, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the fourth section by striking therefrom the following proviso : " Provided, that no such amendment or alteration shall at any time be made to reduce the

tolls of said company, unless the yearly gross receipts of said company shall amount to twenty per cent. upon the capital stock actually paid in."

Pending which,

Mr. Littlejohn moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Clark and Terry were absent without leave.

Mr. Patterson moved that all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched for the absentees.

After a short time, the Sergeant-at-Arms returned, and reported that the absentees were at the bar of the House.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The absentees were permitted to render their excuses, which was done, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Their excuses were deemed sufficient.

Mr. Spencer moved to amend the amendment by inserting the following in lieu of the proviso proposed to be stricken out, viz :

"Provided, that after said thirty years, no alteration or reduction of the tolls of said company shall be made during its existence, unless the yearly nett profits of said company, over and above all expenses, shall exceed ten per cent. on the capital stock invested, provided there be no violation of the charter of said company :"

Which motion prevailed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Clark,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Enos, 3
Ferria,

Mr. Granger,
Harris,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Noyea,
Palmer,

Mr. Patchen,
Patterson,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Young,

NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Scott,
Bennett,	Lane,	Taylor,
Burnett,	McKinney,	Terry,
Carver,	Murray,	Turner,
Crouse,	Pierce,	Speaker,
Eldredge,		

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Mr. Powell moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations, with instructions to strike out of the proviso just adopted, the word "ten" and insert "six."

A division of the question having been called for, it was first taken on recommitting, and lost.

The question then recurring on the motion to strike out the proviso as amended, it was decided in the negative.

The bill was then passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Patchen,
Barlow,	Hazen,	Patterson,
Bennett,	King,	Powell,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Quackenboss,
Blades,	Lane,	Russell,
Brown,	Lawrence,	Scott,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	Smith,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	Spencer,
Carver,	Mack,	St. John,
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,
Dennis,	Mathews,	Taylor,
Denton,	Morris,	Terry,
Dimond,	Mowry,	Vickery,
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Murray,	Williams,
Enos,	Noyes,	Young,
Ferris,	Palmer,	Speaker,
Granger,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. McKinney,	Mr. Turner,
Harris,		

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On motion of Mr. Mathews,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing sections one hundred and twelve and one hundred and thirteen of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846.

Mr. Lothrop moved that all bills on the table, incorporating plank road companies, be taken therefrom, and that the committee of the whole be discharged from the consideration of all bills on the general order incorporating plank road companies, and that all such bills be recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Taylor gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the New York and Michigan mining company.

Mr. McKinney offered the following resolution, which was not adopted :

Resolved, That it shall be a standing rule of this House that the committee of the whole shall not be discharged from the consideration of any bill or joint resolution only in the regular order of business.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Southern rail road company, together with the House substitute therefor, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Terry, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to prohibit the circulation of foreign notes, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill for the registration of births, marriages and deaths, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

The bill to establish a state road from the village of Mason to Okemos, in the county of Ingham, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morris, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to limit the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil cases, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, by unan-

imous consent, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas, to erect and maintain a dam across Grand River in the county of Ingham.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Littlejohn in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to provide for the pay of witnesses in criminal cases.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

The House adjourned.

Friday March 10, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Frazer, Howard, H. H. Stone and Worden were absent on leave, and Mr. Spencer was absent without leave.

Mr. Lawrence asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Spencer for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Speaker presented the claim of Alanson Tyler, which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Mowry presented the remonstrance of J. H. Button and one hundred and eighteen others of Farmington, Oakland county, against diverting the Grand River plank road from the course of the present Grand River turnpike, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Noyes presented the petition of one hundred seventy-two citizens of Detroit, and the petition of two hundred and three citizens of Wayne county, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Detroit to Plymouth, which were laid on the table.

Mr. Mulhollen presented the petition of Lewis Darrah and eighty-one others of the county of Monroe, for the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from the Ohio line to Monroe city, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Clark presented the petition of thirty-eight citizens of Hudson, Lenawee county, for an alteration in the charter of the Michigan Southern rail road company, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Bingham presented the petition of W. Budington, and eighty-six others of the village of Jackson, for an alteration of the corporate limits of said village, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of W. F. Jennison and others of Clinton county, for an alteration in the law providing for the improvement of the Pontiac and Grand River road, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Lawrence presented the following protest, which was read and ordered to be entered on the journal :

The undersigned, members of the House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, against the appropriation of the internal improvement land belonging to the said state, for the purpose indicated in the act entitled "a bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Genesee to build a free bridge across Flint river, at the village of Flint, do hereby, in accordance with the constitutional right to them given, most solemnly and earnestly protest.

Because the appropriation of the internal improvement land as provided in said bill, and others of a similar character, in the opinion of the undersigned, will rarely be properly applied to the purposes intended, that if properly applied, the object of the appropriation itself is often insufficient and unsatisfactory—that such an appropriation of the land itself is a violation of the letter and spirit of the conditions of the grant by which these lands were granted by Congress, and that the good faith of this state pledged to a proper execution of the trust imposed, by an acceptance of the land granted, is by such appropriations disregarded—that such appropriations deprive the state of the legitimate means of paying her just debts, and exposing her to unjust and unnecessary taxation—that they afford additional pretences for renew-

ed contumely and dishonor of the state, at home and abroad—that they forbid her from establishing among the nations of the earth a name which should prove an honor and protection to her citizens—that they entail on her the stigma of squandering her resources, and of disregarding the requirements of common faith and common justice—that such a system of appropriations perpetuates the very policy which to this state, ever has proved, and ever will prove disastrous and disgraceful in the extreme—that it fosters a spirit of recklessness, and of useless and extravagant expenditure, as ill-timed and unnecessary, as it is unjust and dishonorable, and sets an example for succeeding legislatures, which if followed can terminate only in national bankruptcy and ruin.

E. LAWRENCE,
WM. BURNETT,
GROVE SPENCER,
L. HAZEN,
Z. WILLIAMS.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, the bill to amend an act to extend Fort street, in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from Detroit river to Dearbornville, approved March 22, 1837.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported a bill to provide for laying out, opening and improving the Vermontville and Ben'on state road;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate bill for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures and mechanic arts.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Pittsford and Brockville rail road company, which was read twice and laid on the table.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported back the petition of Henry Hall and others, of Kent county, for the establishment of a county site in said county, and reported adverse to any legislative action thereon.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the select committee on the judicial system, made the following report, which was accepted :

The select committee on the judicial system, to whom were referred divers petitions and sundry bills in reference to amending said system, together with the Senate bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts and for other purposes, having considered the same, direct me as their chairman to report in lieu of said several bills, and as a substitute for said Senate bill the accompanying bill, recommending its passage.

The bill to define and regulate the powers and jurisdiction of circuit and county courts in civil and criminal actions, and in the foreclosure of mortgages, was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following communication was announced from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 9, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

Transmitted herewith is a communication, this day received by me from the Hon. Wm. L. Greenly, late acting Governor of the state, being a report of the disbursements made by him under the appropriation of the legislature of 1847, by virtue of a joint resolution entitled "joint resolutions on the existing war with Mexico," approved February 13th, 1847.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The foregoing communication and accompanying document were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 10, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled

bills and joint resolution, which the Senate have passed and in which the concurrence of the House is asked :

A bill to incorporate the Leoni seminary;

A bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company;

A bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company; and
Joint resolution fixing the day of adjournment.

I am further instructed to return the bill to improve the main traveled road from Hastings, in Barry county, to Battle Creek, and to inform you that the Senate have passed the same with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Also, to return the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, and to inform you that the Senate do insist on their second amendment thereto.

Also, to return the bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company, and to inform you that the Senate have receded from their amendment to said bill.

I am also instructed to return the bill relative to plank roads, and to inform you that the Senate have receded from their fourth and fifth amendments to said bill, and have concurred in the House amendments the sixth and seventh amendments thereto.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company; and

The bill relative to plank roads,

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Leoni seminary;

The Senate bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company, and

The Senate bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company,

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Senate amendments to the bill to improve the main traveled road from Hastings, in Barry county, to Battle Creek, were severally concurred in, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

A committee of conference was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House, on the disagreement between the two Houses, on the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, and the appointment of a like committee asked on the part of the Senate.

The Senate joint resolution fixing the day of adjournment of the legislature, was read, when

Mr. Littlejohn moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS,

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Murray,	
Baldwin,	King,	Palmer,	
Barlow,	Kingsley,	Patchen,	
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Scott,	
Carver,	W. R. Martin,	Williams,	
Dodge,	Mathews,	Speaker,	
Emmons,	Mowry,		20

NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Quackenboss,	
Bingham,	Harris,	Russell,	
Blades,	Lane,	Smith,	
Brown,	Lawrence,	St. John,	
Burnett,	Lothrop,	Strong,	
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,	
Crouse,	McKinney,	Terry,	
Dennis,	Morris,	Turner,	
Denton,	Mulhollen,	Vickery,	
Dimond,	Noyes,	Voorheis,	
Eldredge,	Patterson,	Warren,	
Enos,	Powell,	Young,	
Ferris,			37

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The joint resolution was made the special order for Monday next.

The following communication was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, March 9, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

A joint resolution relative to the claim of John L. Smith, Hosea B. Richardson and Samuel Richardson.

bills and joint resolution, which the Senate have passed and in which the concurrence of the House is asked :

A bill to incorporate the Leoni seminary;

A bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company;

A bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company; and

Joint resolution fixing the day of adjournment.

I am further instructed to return the bill to improve the main traveled road from Hastings, in Barry county, to Battle Creek, and to inform you that the Senate have passed the same with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Also, to return the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, and to inform you that the Senate do insist on their second amendment thereto.

Also, to return the bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company, and to inform you that the Senate have receded from their amendment to said bill.

I am also instructed to return the bill relative to plank roads, and to inform you that the Senate have receded from their fourth and fifth amendments to said bill, and have concurred in the House amendments the sixth and seventh amendments thereto.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company; and

The bill relative to plank roads,

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Leoni seminary;

The Senate bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company, and

The Senate bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company,

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Senate amendments to the bill to improve the main traveled road from Hastings, in Barry county, to Battle Creek, were severally concurred in, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

A committee of conference was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House, on the disagreement between the two Houses, on the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, and the appointment of a like committee asked on the part of the Senate.

The Senate joint resolution fixing the day of adjournment of the legislature, was read, when

Mr. Littlejohn moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS,

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Murray,	
Baldwin,	King,	Palmer,	
Barlow,	Kingsley,	Patchen,	
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Scott,	
Carver,	W. R. Martin,	Williams,	
Dodge,	Mathews,	Speaker,	
Emmons,	Mowry,		20

NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Quackenboss,	
Bingham,	Harris,	Russell,	
Blades,	Lane,	Smith,	
Brown,	Lawrence,	St. John,	
Burnett,	Lothrop,	Strong,	
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,	
Crouse,	McKinney,	Terry,	
Dennis,	Morris,	Turner,	
Denton,	Mulhollen,	Vickery,	
Dimond,	Noyes,	Voorheis,	
Eldredge,	Patterson,	Warren,	
Enos,	Powell,	Young,	
Ferris,			37

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The joint resolution was made the special order for Monday next.

The following communication was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 9, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

A joint resolution relative to the claim of John L. Smith, Hosea B. Richardson and Samuel Richardson.

Also, an act to organize townships, and for other purposes.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to amend chapter thirty of the revised statutes of the state of Michigan, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to single senatorial and representative districts, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to provide for the pay of witnesses in criminal cases; and the amendments thereto reported by the committee of the whole, were severally concurred in.

Mr. Lawrence moved to amend the second line of section one, by inserting the words "of record," after "court." Pending which,

Mr. Taylor moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on the judiciary, with instructions to so amend it as to provide for the payment of witnesses who shall attend any court on behalf of the people of this state, upon the request of the public prosecutor, for more than one day, and travel over five miles, to be estimated from the residence of such witness, at the rate of seventy-five cents per day, and five cents per mile travel.

Mr. W. B. Martin moved to amend the instructions by striking out the word "five," before "miles," and insert "two," which motion was lost; and

The question recurring on recommitting with instructions, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Terry moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,
Brown,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Clark,

Mr. Eldredge,
Ferris,
Granger,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,

Mr. Patchen,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Scott,
Smith,
St. John,
Taylor,

Crouse,	Littlejohn,	Terry,	
Dennis,	Lothrop,	Vickery,	
Denton,	Mack,	Voorheis,	
Dimond,	M. B. Martin,	Warren,	
Dodge,	Palmer,	Williams,	36

NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. W. R. Martin,	Mr. Patterson,	
Bingham,	Mathews,	Russell,	
Blades,	McKinney,	H. Stone,	
Carver,	Morris,	Strong,	
Enos,	Mowry,	Young,	
Hazard,	Mulhollen,	Speaker,	
Hazen,	Noyes,		20

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Lothrop in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the canal, harbor and navigation at the river Raisin ;

A bill to change the name of the village of Florence, in the county of Shiawassee ; and

A joint resolution for the relief of Wm. W. Harwood.

And also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Monroe, and for other purposes ;

A bill to amend section forty-two of chapter twelve, of title three, of the revised statutes ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the road from Corunna to the forks of Bad river ;

A bill to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company, of Michigan ;

A bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

A bill to amend section five of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes ;

A bill for the relief of Asa Pratt ;

A bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands ; and

A bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The joint resolution for the relief of Wm. W. Harwood, was laid on the table.

The bill to change the name of the village of Florence, in the county of Shiawassee, was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the canal, harbor, and navigation at the river Raisin, was laid on the table.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats, and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839, were,

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Concurred in, in gross, and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, was,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Recommitted to the committee on state affairs.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill for the relief of Asa Pratt, and to the bill to amend section five of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, in relation to the assessment of taxes.

Were severally concurred in, and the bills ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendment reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, striking out all after the enacting clause, was concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company of Michigan, and to the bill to amend the charter of the city of Monroe and for

other purposes, were concurred in, and the bills ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments to the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the road from Corunna to the forks of Bad river, were concurred in, the amendments ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

The amendment reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to amend section forty-two of chapter twelve, of title three of the revised statutes, striking out all after the enacting clause, was concurred in; and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Taylor, H. Stone, Lane, Burnett and Campbell as the select committee to whom was referred the bill to define a homestead and exempt the same from forced sale in certain cases, together with the substitute therefor and the amendments thereto.

On motion Mr. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, March 11, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Frazer, Howard, Spencer, H. H. Stone and Worden were absent on leave, and Mr. Harris was absent without leave.

Mr. Taylor asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Harris, for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Speaker appointed as the committee of conference on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill

to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, Messrs. Taylor, Emmons and Lawrence.

Mr. Warren presented the petition of Daniel Donaldson and others, for a state road from the village of Fentonville, Genesee county, to Springfield, Oakland county, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. M. B. Martin presented the remonstrance of B. W. Dennis and ninety-seven others, of Genesee and Shiawassee counties, against granting a charter for a rail road from the village of Pontiac, in Oakland county, to Flint, in the county of Genesee, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Patchen presented the petition of A. E. Chamberlin and sixty others, for an alteration in the license law, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Quackenboss presented the petition of Ira Ingalls and fifty-six other citizens of Lenawee county, and of B. F. Bixby and sixty-eight other citizens of Lenawee county, for the passage of a law requiring that the owners of mill dams on the river Raisin may be required to make such alterations in their dams as will admit the free passage of fish up said river, which were referred to the committee on harbors.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, the Senate joint resolutions numbers sixty-one and sixty-two, proposing amendments to the constitution.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolutions were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to authorize Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and reported adverse to its passage, the bill to limit the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil cases.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment the Senate bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, the bill to incorporate the Temple building company, of Battle Creek.

Which report was accepted the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended their passage, the bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company; and

The bill to incorporate the Leoni seminary.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended their passage, the bill to prohibit the circulation of foreign notes; and

The bill to change the name of the first Presbyterian society of the village of Dexter.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill relative to plank roads was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee reported as correctly engrossed:

The bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats, and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839;

The bill for the relief of Asa Pratt;

The bill to amend section five of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, in relation to the assessment of taxes;

The bill to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company of Michigan;

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Monroe, and for other purposes ; and

The House amendments to the Senate bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the road from Corunna to the forks of Bad river ;

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment,

The Senate bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the state road from Constantine, in St. Joseph county, to Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, through Cassopolis, in Cass county.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported, under the instructions of the House, a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a certain road in the county of Ingham ;

Which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

Referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 10, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked :

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads in the county of Branch ;

A bill relative to filing the oaths of office and the bonds of civil officers ; and

A bill to legalize the assessment of the seventh ward of the city of Detroit.

I am further instructed to return the bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of certain lands on the Macon reserve, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Also, to return the bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the first, second and sixth House amendments thereto; that they have concurred in the fourth amendment, with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is asked, and that they have non-concurred in the third and fifth amendments.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of certain lands on the Macon reserve, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill relative to filing the oaths of office and the bonds of civil officers, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads in the county of Branch, was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The Senate bill to legalize the assesment of the seventh ward in the city of Detroit, was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

The bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847, was taken up, when

The Senate amendment to the fourth House amendment, thereto was concurred in.

Mr. Taylor moved that the House recede from the third amendment thereto, which amendment inserts after the word "general" in the first line of section nine, "in pursuance of existing provisions of law," and strikes out all after the word "evidence," in the third line of section nine, to the word "but," in the fourth line, and inserts "of title in the purchasers," but the House refused to recede therefrom.

Mr. Kingsley moved that the House recede from the fifth amendment to the bill, which amendment adds the following proviso to section nine: "Provided, that in all cases of deeds hereafter to be given under the provisions of this section, the said deeds shall not be consi-

dered as *prima facie* evidence as above provided, unless the holder thereof shall take actual adverse possession of the premises described therein, or shall commence an action for the recovery of such possession, within six months after his deed shall have been executed and delivered by the Auditor General," and the House receded therefrom by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Patchen,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Patterson,
Barlow,	Hazen,	Powell,
Bennett,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Bingham,	Lane,	Scott,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Smith,
Brown,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Burnett,	Mack,	St. John,
Campbell,	M. B. Martin,	Strong,
Clark,	W. R. Martin,	Taylor,
Crouse,	Mathews,	Turner,
Dennis,	McKinney,	Vickery,
Denton,	Morris,	Voorheis,
Dimond,	Mowry,	Williams,
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Young,
Eldredge,	Noyes,	Speaker,
Ferris,	Palmer,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Carver,	Mr. King,	Mr. Warren,
Emmons,	Littlejohn,	

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Mr. Young moved that the vote by which the House refused to recede from the third amendment, be reconsidered, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Patterson,
Barlow,	Kingsley,	Pierce,
Bennett,	Mack,	Powell,
Bingham,	W. R. Martin,	Scott,
Blades,	Mathews,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	McKinney,	Taylor,
Dennis,	Mulhollen,	Turner,
Eldredge,	Noyes,	Young,
Harris,	Palmer,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. King,	Mr. Russell,
Burnett,	Lane,	Smith,
Campbell,	Lawrence,	St. John,

Carver,
Clark,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Hazen,

Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
Morris,
Mowry,
Patchen,
Quackenboss,

Strong,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Speaker,

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Mr. Pierce gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate a company to construct a plank road from Marshall to Michigan.

Mr. Pierce offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing that the title of all non-resident tax lands, after years, shall vest in the state, and be subject to sale as other public lands, and also for providing by law for a specific tax upon all wild, uncultivated, non-resident lands.

Mr. Lothrop moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which motion was lost, and

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Emmons, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Quincy mining company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Dodge, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to organize four counties in the upper peninsula, and to define the boundaries of the same, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

On motion of Mr. Young,

Resolved, That the committee on state prison be instructed to inquire into and report to this House at their earliest convenience, whether section sixteen of chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the revised statutes of 1846, which provides what mechanical trade shall be taught to convicts in our state prison, has been violated, and if so, whether any further legislative action is necessary to remedy the evil.

Mr. Terry, from the committee of conference on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to in-

corporate the Detroit merchants' exchange company, reported that the committee had agreed to recommend to the House to recede from their amendments to the bill.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and

The question being on receding from the House amendments, they were receded from by a vote of two-thirds, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Patchen,
Baldwin,	King,	Patterson,
Barlow,	Kingsley,	Pierce,
Bennett,	Lawrence,	Quackenboss,
Bingham,	Littlejohn,	Russell,
Blades,	Mack,	Scott,
Brown,	M. B. Martin,	Smith,
Burnett,	W. R. Martin,	H. Stone,
Campbell,	Mathews,	Strong,
Carver,	McKinney,	Terry,
Crouse,	Morris,	Vickery,
Emmons,	Mowry,	Voorheis,
Enos,	Mulhollen,	Warren,
Ferris,	Murray,	Williams,
Harris,	Noyes,	Young,
Hazard,	Palmer,	Speaker, 43

NAYS.

Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Turner,
St. John,		4

Mr. Warren gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to lay out a state road from the village of Flushing, Genesee county, to the village of Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the canal, harbor and navigation at the river Raisin, was taken from the table, and

It was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill to incorporate the Pittsford and Brockville branch rail road company, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

The joint resolution for the relief of William W. Harwood, was taken from the table, and

It was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Littlejohn gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section eighty-two of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, by striking out all after the word "evidence" in the sixth line, to the word "but" in the eighth line, and of inserting the words "of title in the purchaser."

The joint resolution for the relief of William W. Harwood ;

The bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats, and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839 ; and

The bill for the relief of Asa Pratt ;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company, of Michigan, was read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,
Carver,
Clark,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Granger,
Hazard,
Hazen,

Mr. King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Patterson,

Mr. Pierce,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Scott,
Smith,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,
Dennis,
Enos,

Mr. Harris,
McKinney,

Mr. Morris,
Turner,

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The bill to amend the charter of the city of Monroe, and for other purposes, was read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Powell,
Baldwin,	Hazen,	Quackenboss,
Bennett,	King,	Russell,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Scott,
Blades,	Lane,	Smith,
Brown,	Lawrence,	St. John,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Campbell,	Mack,	Strong,
Carver,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Crouse,	Mathews,	Terry,
Dennis,	McKinney,	Turner,
Denton,	Morris,	Vickery,
Dimond,	Mowry,	Voorheis,
Dodge,	Murray,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Noyes,	Williams,
Emmons,	Palmer,	Young,
Ferris,	Patchen,	Speaker,
Granger,		

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The bill to amend section five of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, in relation to the assessment of taxes ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the road from Corunna to the forks of Bad river ;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the canal, harbor and navigation at the river Raisin, was read the third time, when

Mr. Terry, by unanimous consent, moved to add the following proviso to section two :

“Provided, that no portion of said lands shall be sold at a less sum than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre : And provided further, that before said lands or any portion thereof shall be sold as provided in this section, the common council aforesaid shall cause to be executed to the people of this state, a bond in a sufficient penalty, and with good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Auditor General, conditioned for the faithful appropriation and application of said lands, or the proceeds thereof, to the objects specified in the first section of this act ; said bond to be filed in the office of the Auditor General within sixty days from the passage of this act” :

Which proviso was adopted.

The bill was then passed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Murray,
Blades,	Harris,	Patterson,
Brown,	Hazard,	Quackenboss,
Campbell,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Clark,	Littlejohn,	Scott,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	Smith,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	H. Stone,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Dimond,	McKinney,	Turner,
Dodge,	Morris,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Mowry,	Speaker,
Enos,	Mulhollen,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. St. John,
Burnett,	Mack,	Strong,
Carver,	Noyes,	Taylor,
Hazen,	Palmer,	Williams,
King,	Powell,	Young,

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The question then being on the title of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Terry,

It was amended by striking out "harbor," and

The bill as amended was agreed to.

The Speaker presented the petition of G. & J. G. Hill and others, for the incorporation of a bank to be called the *Peninsular Bank*, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 11, 1845. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company ; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood swamp turnpike company, approved March 9, 1844, and the act to amend said act, approved March 24, 1845.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company ; and

The Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood swamp turnpike company, approved March 9, 1844, and the act to amend said act, approved March 24, 1845 ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Littlejohn, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill relative to specific state taxes on plank road, mining and other incorporations not enumerated in the revised statutes of 1846, which was read twice, when

Mr. Lothrop moved that the rules be suspended, which motion prevailed ; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The engrossment having been dispensed with, it was then read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Enos,	Mr. Noyes,
Baldwin,	Ferris,	Palmer,
Bennett,	Granger,	Patterson,
Blades,	Hazard,	Quackenboss,
Brown,	Hazen,	Scott,
Burnett,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Campbell,	Lane,	St. John,
Carver,	Lawrence,	Strong,
Clark,	Littlejohn,	Taylor,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	Terry,
Denton,	Mack,	Vickery,
Dimond,	M. B. Martin,	Voorheis,
Dodge,	Mathews,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Morris,	Williams,
Emmons,	Mulhollen,	Speaker,

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The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Lawrence in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill authorizing the laying out a state road from Thorne's mill, in Lapeer county, to Axford's mill, in Oakland county ; and

Also, reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to incorporate the Howell academy ;

A bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, together with a substitute therefor ; and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Joseph A. Patrick and Martin Vrooman.

Mr. Emmons moved an adjournment, but the House refused to adjourn.

The amendment to, being a substitute for the bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, was concurred in, the substitute was ordered to be engrossed and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Emmons moved that the joint resolution relative to the claim of Joseph A. Patrick and Martin Vrooman, be laid on the table, which motion was lost, and

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The further consideration of the joint resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. W. R. Martin moved that he be excused from further service on the committee on claims, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Clark,

The House adjourned.

Monday, March 13, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Howard, Spencer, H. H. Stone, and Worden were absent on leave, and Messrs. Carver, Enos, Kingsley and Williams, were absent without leave.

Mr. Lawrence asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Kingsley for the day.

Mr. Brown for Mr. Carver for an indefinite period.

Mr. Hazen for Mr. Williams for the day.

Mr. Murray for Mr. Enos for an indefinite period.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of A. Newman, and one hundred and ten others, for an appropriation on the Grand River road, in the county of Ionia, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. M. B. Martin presented the petition of B. W. Dennis and others, for an appropriation of internal improvement lands on the state road from the capitol to the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Dimond presented the petition of Walter Chase and fifty-six others, asking for the organization of a township in St. Clair county, which was referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Noyes presented the petition of one hundred and ten citizens of the county of Wayne, for an amendment of the license law, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment,

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and recommended their passage,

The bill to incorporate the Quincy mining company; and

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood swamp turnpike company, approved March 9, 1844, and the act to amend said act, approved March 24, 1845.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back without action, the claim of B. Irish, and of Alanson Tyler, asked to be discharged from their consideration, and recommended that they be referred to the committee on ways and means.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the claims referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back without action, the bill to legalize the assessment of the seventh ward of the city of Detroit.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported that the House substitute for the Senate bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, was correctly engrossed.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz:

The bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of certain lands on the Macon reserve ; and

The bill to improve the main traveled road from Hastings, in Barry county, to Battle Creek.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported a bill to organize a certain township, which was read twice, when

On motion of Mr. Lane,

The rules were suspended, the bill ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, and the engrossment having been dispensed with,

It was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported a bill to repeal a part of an act entitled an act to provide for establishing and improving the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 9, 1844, and

A bill to provide for laying out and working a certain state road ;

Which bills were read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported a bill to establish a state road from the village of Fentonville, in Genesee county, to Springfield, in Oakland county.

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of conference on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the

assessment and collection of taxes, reported that the committee had agreed to recommend the House to recede from their non-concurrence to the Senate amendment, and that the fourth line of section one be amended by inserting after the word "village" where it last occurs, the words, "and the same has not been duly recorded in the register's office of the county."

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged, and
The amendments recommended by the committee agreed to.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 11, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to provide for compensation made by purchasers at tax and other sales, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am further instructed to return a bill to amend chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highways and bridges ; and

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo, and Three Rivers plank road company, which the Senate have severally passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Also, to return the following entitled bills and joint resolution and inform you that the Senate have concurred therein :

A bill to provide for the laying out and establishing of a certain state road ;

A bill to lay out and establish a certain state road ;

A bill to incorporate the Northwestern mining company, of Detroit ; and

A joint resolution authorizing a settlement with Nelson H. Bennett and Elijah Bennett.

I am further instructed to inform you that Senators Parsons, Robinson and Cook have been appointed a committee of conference, on the part of the Senate, to act with a like committee on the part of the House, on the disagreement of the two Houses, on the bill to amend

chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to provide for the laying out and establishing of a certain state road ;

The bill to lay out and establish a certain state road ;

The bill to incorporate the Northwestern mining company of Detroit ; and

The joint resolution authorizing a settlement with Nelson H. Bennett and Elijah Bennett,

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to provide for compensation made by purchasers at tax and other sales, was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

The Senate amendment to the bill to amend chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes of 1846 relative to highways and bridges, was concurred in, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three rivers plank road company, was taken up, and the question being on concurring in the Senate amendments thereto,

The first amendment, which strikes out of the first line of section four the word "fifty" and inserts "sixty," was non-concurred in by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Burnett,
Clark,
Eldredge,
Lawrence,
Mathews,

Mr. Morris,
Mowry,
Palmer,
Patchen,

Mr. Smith,
Terry,
Vickery,
Warren,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Blades,

Mr. Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,
Hazen,
King,

Mr. Murray,
Patterson,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
St. John,

Brown,	Lane,	Strong,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Taylor,
Dennis,	Mack,	Turner,
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	Voorheis,
Dimond,	W. R. Martin,	Young,
Dodge,	McKinney,	Speaker,
Ferris,		

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The second amendment, which strikes out of the third line of section four, the word "thirty" and inserts "forty," was non-concurred in by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Burnett,	Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. Smith,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	Terry,
Clark,	Mathews,	Vickery,
Crouse,	Morris,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Patchen,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Murray,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Patterson,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Powell,
Blades,	King,	Quackenboss,
Brown,	Lane,	Russell,
Dennis,	Littlejohn,	St. John,
Denton,	Mack,	Strong,
Dimond,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Dodge,	W. R. Martin,	Turner,
Ferris,	McKinney,	Voorheis,
Frazer,	Mowry,	Young,
Granger,	Mulhollen,	Speaker,

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The third amendment, which strikes out the proviso to section four, was non-concurred in by the following vote, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. King,	Mr. Patterson,
Barlow,	Lane,	Pierce,
Bennett,	Mack,	Powell,
Brown,	W. R. Martin,	St. John,
Eldredge,	Mathews,	Taylor,
Ferris,	McKinney,	Turner,
Frazer,	Morris,	Vickery,
Granger,	Murray,	Young,
Harris,	Patchen,	Speaker,
Hazard,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Clark,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,

Mr. Hazen,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Noyes,
Palmer,

Mr. Russell,
Scott,
Smith,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Warren,

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The fourth amendment was non-concurred in, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to inquire into the necessity of making further appropriation for defraying the expenses of any volunteer regiment, battalion or company, that may have been called from this state to serve in the existing war with Mexico, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

The bill to provide for laying out, opening and improving the Vermontville and Benton state road, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the State Land Office be requested to furnish to this House with all convenient despatch, a corrected list and description of all the internal improvement lands of this state in the lower peninsula, remaining unsold, and not by law withheld from entry and sale.

Mr. Pierce, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Marshall and Michigan plank road company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Warren, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to establish a state road from the village of Flushing, in the county of Genesee, to the village of Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw, which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The bill to change the name of the first Presbyterian society of the

village of Dexter in the county of Washtenaw, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Morris,

The bill to limit the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil cases, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Mathews.

The bill to authorize Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse moved that the joint resolution relative to the claim of Samuel R. Munro, be taken from the table, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, that the county treasurers, in cases where lands that have been sold for taxes have been redeemed at the office of any such treasurer, may pay to the person or persons holding the treasurers' certificate of sale, the sum or sums to which any such person may be entitled by virtue of any such certificate; and into the propriety of further amending said chapter so that the Auditor General shall not have power to cancel any deed made by him of any lands sold for taxes, after delivery of any such deed without giving notice to the grantee in any such deed that application has been made to him to have any such deed revoked, and of the time at which he will hear and decide upon any such application.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Mulhollen to fill the vacancy in the committee on claims.

The bill to change the name of the village of Florence, in the county of Shiawassee, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, was read the third time, when

Mr. Dodge moved a call of the House, which was had, and it was found that Messrs. Palmer and Turner were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The bill was then passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Patchen,
Baldwin,	Harris,	Patterson,
Barlow,	Hazard,	Pierce,
Bingham,	Hazen,	Powell,
Blades,	King,	Quackenboss,
Brown,	Lane,	Russell,
Burnett,	Lawrence,	Scott,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Smith,
Clark,	Lothrop,	St. John,
Crouse,	Mack,	H. Stone,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Strong,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Taylor,
Dimond,	Mathews,	Terry,
Dodge,	Morris,	Vickery,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Mulhollen,	Warren,
Ferris,	Murray,	Young,
Frazer,	Noyes,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McKinney,	2
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On motion of Mr. Mack,

The thirty-ninth rule was suspended ; when,

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the bill to define and regulate the powers and jurisdiction of circuit and county courts in civil and criminal actions, and in the foreclosure of mortgages, be taken from the table and made the special order for Wednesday next.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to authorize the laying out of a state road from Thorne's mill, in Lapeer county, to Axford's mill, in Oakland county, and ordered it to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendment reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to incorporate the Howell Academy, was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House then took up the special order for the day, being the joint resolution fixing the day of adjournment of the legislature, when

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the same by striking out the words "first Monday in April next," and inserting "twenty-eighth day of March, instant."

Mr. Lothrop moved to amend the amendment by striking out the

words "twenty-eighth," and inserting "twenty-second," which motion was lost.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the joint resolution be laid on the table, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. King,	Mr. Scott,
Barlow,	Littlejohn,	Terry,
Campbell,	Morris,	Warren,
Ferris,	Murray,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Patterson,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Pierce,
Bingham,	Lane,	Powell,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Quackenboss,
Brown,	Lothrop,	Russell,
Burnett,	Mack,	Smith,
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	St. John,
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	H. Stone,
Dennis,	Mathews,	Strong,
Denton,	McKinney,	Taylor,
Dimond,	Mowry,	Turner,
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Vickery,
Eldredge,	Noyes,	Voorheis,
Frazer,	Palmer,	Young,
Granger,	Patchen,	Speaker,
Harris,		

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The question recurring on the amendment moved by Mr. Eldredge, it was rejected by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Patterson,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Smith,
Bingham,	Lane,	St. John,
Brown,	Lawrence,	Strong,
Burnett,	Lothrop,	Terry,
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	Turner,
Dimond,	McKinney,	Vickery,
Dodge,	Noyes,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Patchen,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Palmer,
Barlow,	King,	Pierce,
Blades,	Littlejohn,	Powell,
Campbell,	Mack,	Quackenboss,
Clark,	W. R. Martin,	Russell,
Crouse,	Mathews,	Scott,

Dennis,
Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,

Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Murray,

H. Stone,
Taylor,
Voorheis,
Young,

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Mr. McKinney moved to amend the joint resolution by striking out the words "first Monday in April next," and inserting "twenty-fifth day of March, instant," and a division of the question having been called for, it was first taken on striking out, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Eldredge,
Hazen,
Lane,
Lawrence,

Mr. Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
McKinney,
Noyes,
Patchen,
Patterson,

Mr. Smith,
Strong,
Terry,
Turner,
Vickery,
Warren,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Barlow,
Blades,
Brown, I
Campbell,
Clark,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Ferrie,

Mr. Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,
King,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Murray,
Palmer,
Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Taylor,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Young,
Speaker,

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The joint resolution was then adopted.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Pierce in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to laying out, altering and discontinuing highways ; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to incorporate the village of Mackinac ;

A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Allegan ;

A bill to incorporate the North American mining company of Detroit ;

A bill authorizing Marcus S. Stone to sell certain real estate ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the Pontiac and Grand River state road, from the village of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, to the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee ;

A bill providing for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands on the state road leading from Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary line of Lapeer ;

A bill to organize the county of Sanilac ; and

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Grand Rapids, approved April 5, 1838.

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to laying out, altering and discontinuing highways, was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments to the bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Grand Rapids, approved April 5, 1838, were severally concurred in, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendment to the bill to organize the county of Sanilac was concurred in, when

Mr. Eldredge moved that the first section be stricken out, which motion was lost ; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendment to the bill providing for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands on the state road leading from Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary line of Lapeer, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The first section of the bill was amended by striking out the words "the eastern boundary line of," and inserting "Rogers' mill, in."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Dodge moved an adjournment, but the House refused to adjourn.

The amendments to the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the Pontiac and Grand River state road from the village of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, to

the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee, were concurred in, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill authorizing Marcus S. Stone to sell certain real estate, was

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Laid on the table.

The amendments to the following entitled bills were concurred in, and the bills ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, viz:

The bill to incorporate the village of Mackinac;

The bill to incorporate the North American mining company of Detroit; and

The bill to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Allegan.

The following communication was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 13, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed to return the bill relative to specific taxes on plank road, mining and other incorporations not enumerated in the revised statutes of 1846, and to inform you that the Senate have passed the same with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate amendment to the bill relative to specific taxes on plank roads, mining, and other incorporations not enumerated in the revised statutes of 1846, was concurred in by a two-thirds vote, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, March 14, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Carver, Enos, Howard, Spencer, H. H.

relled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to provide for the laying out and establishing of a certain state road ;

The bill to incorporate the Northwestern mining company of Detroit ;

The bill relative to specific state taxes on plank road, mining and other incorporations not enumerated in the revised statutes of 1846 ;

The bill to lay out and establish a certain state road ; and

The joint resolution authorizing a settlement with Nelson H. Bennett and Elijah Bennett.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the following bills were correctly engrossed, viz :

The bill to incorporate the Howell academy ;

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Grand Rapids, approved April 5th, 1838 ;

The bill to incorporate the village of Mackinac ;

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to laying out, altering and discontinuing highways ;

The bill to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Allegan ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the Pontiac and Grand River state road from the village of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, to the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee ;

The bill to organize the county of Sanilac ;

The bill providing for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands on the state road leading from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary line of Lapeer ;

The bill to incorporate the North American mining company of Detroit ; and

The bill authorizing the laying out of a state road from Thorne's mill, in Lapeer county, to Axford's mill, in Oakland county.

The following communications were announced from the Executive

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, March 13, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend an act to authorize the sale of certain lands on the Macon reserve; also

An act relative to plank roads.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 14, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication received from Alexander Vattermare; on the subject of international literary exchange, together with sundry printed documents referred to in such communication, for which I invite the careful consideration of the legislature.

I also transmit a letter received at the same time from John I. Sproull, of the city of New York, on the subject of an agency, for the United States, of Mons. Vattermare's system of international exchanges.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

On motion of Mr Littlejohn,

The foregoing communication and accompanying documents were laid on the table.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 13, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Detroit union society of carpenters and joiners ;

A bill to incorporate the Albion mining company ;

A bill to provide for the laying out and establishing certain state roads ; and

Joint resolution relative to state prison building.

I am further instructed to return the bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, which the Senate have passed.

Also, a bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands, in certain cases, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate do insist in their previous action on the third House amendment to the bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847, which bill is herewith returned.

I am also instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes; And that they have also concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on Senate bill to amend chapter ninety-five of title twenty-one of the revised statutes, and for other purposes, and that said bill has been ordered to be enrolled.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the following entitled bills, and that said bills as amended have been ordered to be enrolled, viz :

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the road from Corunna to the forks of Bad river ; and

A bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the canal, harbor and navigation at the river Raisin.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846 ; and

The bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolutions relative to state prison buildings, were read twice and referred to the committee on the state prison.

The Senate bill to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads, was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Detroit union society of carpenters and joiners ; and

The Senate bill to incorporate the Albion mining company ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases, and the Senate amendments thereto, were referred to the committee on ways and means.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

A committee of conference was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847, and the appointment of a like committee asked on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Littlejohn offered a concurrent resolution constituting a joint committee to investigate the lien of the state on the Detroit and Pontiac rail road, which was read, when,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The fifteenth rule was suspended, and the concurrent resolution was taken up, considered and adopted.

Mr. Patchen gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of George Buck.

On motion of Mr. Voorheis,

The bill to provide for the laying out and making a certain state road, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to legalize the assessment of the seventh ward of the city of Detroit, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Terry offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the select committee on the judiciary system be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending existing provisions of law, that personal property shall not be exempt from executions for the purchase money of such property.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The bill to repeal a part of an act entitled an act to provide for establishing and improving the Pontiac and Grand River road, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill to incorporate the Temple building company of Battle Creek, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company, together with a substitute therefor, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The substitute was amended by striking out the words "plank road," wherever they occur; by inserting the word "maintenance," after "construction," in the third line of section one; by striking out the words "to connect," in the same line, and inserting the following "connecting the village of Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent;" by inserting after "company," in the fourth line of section one, the words, "or connecting the western terminus of the road of the said Michigan Central rail road company with the city of Chicago, in the state of Illinois," and by striking out the word "other," in the fifth line of the same section, and inserting "such."

The substitute was then adopted.

Mr. Lothrop moved that the following section be added to the bill:

"Sec. The legislature may at any time alter or repeal this act; Provided, That the repeal of this act shall not affect the security of any stock taken, or any guaranty given under the provisions of this act."

Which section was rejected.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bingham,

Mr. King,
Kingsley,

Mr. Pierce,
Powell,

Burnett,	Lawrence,	Quackenboss,	
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Russell,	
Clark,	Lothrop,	Smith,	
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	H. Stone,	
Dimond,	Morris,	Strong,	
Emmons,	Mulhollen,	Taylor,	
Ferrie,	Murray,	Terry,	
Frazer,	Noyes,	Vickery,	
Harris,	Palmer,	Warren,	
Hazard,	Patchen,	Young,	
Hazen,	Patterson,	Speaker,	39

NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Mowry,	
Bennett,	Mack,	Scott,	
Blades,	Mathews,	St. John,	
Crouse,	McKinney,	Voorheis,	12

The following communication was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, March 14, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to lay out and establish a certain state road ;

Also, an act to provide for the laying out and establishing a certain state road ;

A joint resolution authorizing a settlement with Nelson H. Bennett and Elijah Bennett ; and

An act relative to specific state taxes on plank road, mining and other incorporations not enumerated in the revised statutes of 1846.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 14, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return House substitute for the Senate bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, and to inform you that the Senate have passed the same with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate amendment to the House substitute for the bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, was concurred in, two thirds of all the members voting in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 14, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to respectfully inform you that the Senate do insist on their amendments to House bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank road company, and that they have appointed Senators Balch, Allen and Griswold, a committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on said bill, and request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

A committee of conference was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank company.

The Speaker appointed as such committee, Messrs. Eldredge, Lothrop and Mathews.

The bill to incorporate the North American mining company, was read the third time, when

Mr. Denton moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Brown, Hazard, Pierce, Smith and Voorheis were absent without leave.

Mr. Eldredge moved that all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, which motion was lost.

Mr. Campbell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Brown for an indefinite period.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched for the absentees.

Several of the absentees having returned,

On motion of Mr. Denton,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed by a two-thirds vote as follows ;

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Patchen,
Baldwin,	King,	Patterson,
Barlow,	Kingsley,	Pierce,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Powell,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	Quackenboss,
Clark,	Lothrop,	Russell,
Crouse,	Mack,	Scott,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Smith,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	H. Stone,
Dimond,	Mathews,	Strong,
Dodge,	Morris,	Taylor,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Terry,
Emmons,	Mulhollen,	Vickery,
Ferris,	Murray,	Warren,
Frazer,	Noyes,	Young,
Granger,	Palmer,	Speaker,
Harris,		50

NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McKinney,	Mr. St. John,	3
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The bill to incorporate the Howell Academy, was read the third time and passed by the following vote, two-thirds voting in the affirmative:

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Palmer,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Patchen,
Barlow,	Hazen,	Patterson,
Bingham,	King,	Quackenboss,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Burnett,	Lane,	Scott,
Clark,	Lawrence,	Smith,
Crouse,	Littlejohn,	St. John,
Dennis,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Denton,	Mack,	Strong,
Dimond,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Dodge,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Eldredge,	Morris,	Vickery,
Emmons,	Mowry,	Warren,
Ferris,	Mulhollen,	Young,
Frazer,	Noyes,	Speaker,
		48

NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McKinney,	Mr. Powell,	5
Campbell,	Pierce,		

Oakland county, and settlers on university lands, asking the legislature to pass an act to provide for the appointment of appraisers, to appraise the land upon which they are settlers, have had the same under consideration, and directed me to report adverse to the prayer of the said petitioners, and recommend that they have leave to withdraw their petitions, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and leave was granted to the petitioners to withdraw their papers from the files of the House.

Mr. Eldredge, from the same committee, reported back the memorial of citizens of Berrien county, relative to certain university lands, in said county, without action, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on claims.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the memorial referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Eldredge, from the same committee, reported back the petition of the trustees of the first Methodist Episcopal Church of the township of Washington, in the county of Macomb, for a grant of certain lands, and reported that no legislative action was necessary.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment and recommended their passage,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement land for draining a certain marsh ; and

The Senate bill to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Coranna, in the county of Shiawassee.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back the petition of S. Marsh and others for an appropriation of internal improvement lands for the improvement of the state road from Mason to Okemos, and reported adverse to the prayer of the petition.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported that the following bills were correctly engrossed, viz :

The bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands ;

The bill to amend section twenty-three of chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

The bill to incorporate the Monroe manufacturing company, in the county of Monroe ; and

The bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz:

The bill to amend chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highways and bridges ;

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846 ; and

The bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to organize four counties in the upper peninsula, and define the boundaries of the same.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the committee on the state prison, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution relative to state prison buildings.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported a joint resolution relative to the claim of Patrick Kilfoil, which was read twice ; and

On motion of Mr. Young,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee of conference on the disagree-

Oakland county, and settlers on university lands, asking the legislature to pass an act to provide "for the appointment of appraisers, to appraise the land upon which they are settlers, have had the same under consideration, and directed me to report adverse to the prayer of the said petitioners, and recommend that they have leave to withdraw their petitions, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

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Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

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The bill appropriating certain internal improvement land for draining a certain marsh ; and

The Senate bill to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Corunna, in the county of Shiawassee.

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The bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz:

The bill to amend chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highways and bridges ;

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846 ; and

The bill to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to organize four counties in the upper peninsula, and define the boundaries of the same.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the committee on the state prison, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution relative to state prison buildings.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported a joint resolution relative to the claim of Patrick Kilfoil, which was read twice ; and

On motion of Mr. Young,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee of conference on the disagree-

ment between the two Houses, on the bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank road company, reported that the committee had agreed to recommend the House to concur in the first Senate amendment, and non-concur in the second and third Senate amendments, and that the fourth Senate amendment be amended by striking out "twentieth," and inserting "thirteenth."

Which report was concurred in by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Patchen,
Barlow,	Hazen,	Patterson,
Blades,	King,	Powell,
Brown,	Kingsley,	Quackenboss,
Burnett,	Lane,	Russell,
Campbell,	Lawrence,	Scott,
Clark,	Littlejohn,	Smith,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	St. John,
Dennis,	Mack,	H. Stone,
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Dimond,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,
Dodge,	Mathews,	Taylor,
Eldredge,	Morris,	Vickery,
Emmons,	Mowry,	Voorheis,
Ferrie,	Mulhollen,	Warren,
Frazer,	Murray,	Young,
Granger,	Noyes,	Speaker,
Harris,	Palmer,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McKinney,	Mr. Turner,
Bingham,	Pierce,	

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Mr. Campbell, by unanimous consent, presented the remonstrance of Warren B. Shepherd and sixty-eight others, against granting authority to build a dam on section twelve, in the township of Battle Creek, which was laid on the table.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 14, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed to transmit the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Mariners' Church of Detroit ;

A bill for laying out and establishing certain state roads ; and a bill concerning divorce.

I am further instructed to return the following entitled bills and resolutions, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill to organize a certain township ;

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Monroe, and for other purposes ;

A bill for the relief of Asa Pratt ;

Joint resolution relative to the adjustment of the claim of Diodate Hubbard ; and

Concurrent resolution constituting a joint committee to investigate the lien of the state on the Detroit and Pontiac rail road.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to organize certain townships ;

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Monroe, and for other purposes ;

The bill for the relief of Asa Pratt ; and

The joint resolution relative to the adjustment of the claim of Diodate Hubbard ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Mariners' Church, of Detroit, was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Senate bill for laying out and establishing certain state roads, was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The Senate bill concerning divorce, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The vote was reconsidered by which the further consideration of the joint resolution authorizing the appointment of an assistant librarian, was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Lothrop moved that the joint resolution be laid on the table, which motion was lost ; and

The question recurring on the motion to indefinitely postpone, it was decided in the negative.

The joint resolution was then ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Denton gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the National mining company.

Mr. Young moved that the following resolution be taken from the table, which motion was lost:

Resolved, That the select committee on the judicial system be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending existing provisions of law, that personal property shall not be exempt from executions for the purchase money of such property.

Mr. Emmons offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this day this House will continue in session until four o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Scott gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to improve the navigation of the Grand River, in the town of Michigan as a public highway.

The bill to amend section twenty-three of chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846 ; and

The bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands ;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The joint resolution authorizing the appointment of an assistant librarian, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Bingham,
Blades,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Frazer,

Mr. Granger,
Hazard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mowry,

Mr. Mulhollen,
Palmer,
Russell,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Voorheis,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bennett,
Burnett,
Clark,
Eldredge,

Mr. Lawrence,
Lothrop,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,

Mr. Pierce,
Powell,
Smith,
St. John,
Strong,

Ferris,
Harris,
Hazen,

Noyes,
Patchen,
Patterson,

Vickery,
Warren,

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The bill to incorporate the Monroe manufacturing company in the county of Monroe, was read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Clark,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,

Mr. Hazen,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patchen,

Mr. Patterson,
Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,

Mr. McKinney,

Mr. Powell,

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The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company, was read the third time, when

Mr. Taylor, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the first section by striking out "any," in the fourth line, and inserting "one," and by striking out "any," in the fifth line, and inserting "a," which motion prevailed.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the negative by the following vote, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Clark,
Dennis,

Mr. Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Powell,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,

Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Harris,
Hazen,
King,
Kingsley,

Murray,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Patterson,
Pierce,

Taylor,
Vickery,
Williams,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Bennett,
Blades,
Brown,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Eldredge,

Mr. Frazer,
Granger,
Hazard,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,

Mr. Mowry,
Scott,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Warren,

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Mr. Eldredge moved a reconsideration of the last vote, which motion was,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Laid on the table.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the special order, being the bill to define and regulate the powers and jurisdiction of circuit and county courts in civil and criminal cases, and in the foreclosure of mortgages, Mr. Campbell in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported the bill back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, March 16, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Carver, Enos, Howard and Spencer were absent on leave, and Mr. Williams was absent without leave.

Mr. Hazen asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Williams, for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Mack presented the petition of B. C. Whitmore and eight other citizens of Oakland county, for the re-charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Worden presented the petition of John C. Blanchard, and ninety others, for an appropriation of internal improvement lands to assist in constructing a canal from the town of Lyons to Michigan, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Noyes presented the petition of fifty-four citizens of this state, praying that the license law of 1846 may be amended, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Noyes also presented the petition of forty citizens of this state, for the passage of a law taxing old bachelors, for the support of indigent females, widows and orphans, which was referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of Isaac Lowing and twenty-eight others, for a state road in the counties of Ottawa and Allegan, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Littlejohn presented the petition of the president and trustees of the village of Kalamazoo, for the extension of the corporate limits of said village, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment and recommended their passage,

A bill to authorize proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes ;

A bill to amend chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of 1846, and

A bill concerning divorce.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the New York and Michigan mining company of Detroit, Michigan.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierca, from the same committee, reported a bill to incorporate the Union Hall association of the village of Tecumseh;

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the petition of John Graham, for relief, and reported adverse to the prayer of the petition.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported back without action, the petition of George Dow, and others, relative to a certain highway in the county of Oakland.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following entitled bills and joint resolution were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Monroe, and for other purposes ;

The bill for the relief of Asa Pratt ;

The bill to organize a certain township ; and

The joint resolution relative to the adjustment of the claim of Dio-
date Hubbard.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Tecumseh and Jackson plank road company, which was read twice and laid on the table.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back the bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases, together with the Senate amendments thereto, and reported that they recommend the House to non-concur in the first, second, fourth and fifth Senate amendments, and to concur in the third amendment, with an amendment.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged, and

The first, second, fourth and fifth amendments were non-concurred in, and the third amendment was concurred in, with the amendment reported by the committee.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Governor :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 15, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes ;

An act to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

An act to amend chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highways and bridges ;

An act relative to the village of Pontiac ;

An act to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Joseph Miller, John Cannon, David W. Noyes and Loren Andrews certain lands selected for saline purposes ;

An act to incorporate the Copper Falls mining company ;

An act to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road ; and

An act appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the Detroit and Saginaw turnpike within the county of Saginaw.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 16, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and

Three Rivers plank road company, which report and bill is herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank road company, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 15, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a joint resolution relative to the claim of Joseph L. F. Langley, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am further instructed to return the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill to refund certain highway moneys in the county of Barry ;
and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of the Kalamazoo river, between the village of Allegan and Lake Michigan.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have appointed Senators Schwarz, Thomson and Shoemaker a committee of conference to act with a like committee of the House on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to refund certain highway moneys in the county of Barry ;
and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of the Kalamazoo river between the village of Allegan and Lake Michigan,

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of Joseph L. F. Langley, was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

On motion of Mr. Voerheis,

The bill to vacate a certain alley in the village of Byron, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Patterson offered the following resolution ;

Resolved, That from and after to-day, this House shall hold an additional daily session, commencing at three o'clock.

Which resolution was adopted by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Brown,
Clark,
Crouse,
Denton,
Emmons,
Frazer,
Granger,
Hazard,
Hazen,

Mr. King,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Patterson,

Mr. Pierce,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
St. John,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Vickery,
Voerheis,
Warren,
Young,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Dennis,
Dimond,
Dodge,

Mr. Eldredge,
Harris,
Lawrence,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,

Mr. Mathews,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Worden,

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Mr. Denton, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the National mining company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Young,

The joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Patrick Kiffel, was taken from the table.

Mr. W. R. Martin moved that the joint resolution be recommitted to the committee on claims, with instructions to ascertain the amount

due, and report a joint resolution in accordance therewith, which motion was lost.

The joint resolution was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Vickery offered the following resolution, which was not adopted :

Resolved, That the committee of the whole be discharged from the consideration of all bills appropriating lands for works of internal improvement, and that the same be made the special order for Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. Worden,

The bill to extend the limits of the township of Ionia, was taken from the table, and

It was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Dodge,

The bill to change the time for the collection of taxes in the counties of Chippewa, Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft, and Ontonagon, and for other purposes, and

The bill to organize four counties in the upper peninsula, and define the boundaries of the same ;

Were taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill to regulate the issuing of certain land warrants by the Auditor General, and limiting the time within which they shall be receivable at the state land office in payment for internal improvement lands, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

The bill was amended by striking out the words "provided that," in the sixth line of section two, and inserting "and," and by making a similar amendment in the eighth line of section three.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The fourth section was amended by adding thereto the following :

"And also an act entitled an act appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the road from Corunna to the forks of Bad river."

Mr. Noyes moved that the fourth section of the bill be stricken out, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Scott, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to improve the navigation of the Grand River, in the town of Michigan, as a public highway, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Mathews moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the consideration of the bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas, to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Ingham, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

Resolved, That the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred, several weeks since, a bill to incorporate a bank at the village of Kalamazoo, be requested to report the same back to the House without unnecessary delay.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company, was lost, was taken from the table; and

The vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Emmons moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations, with instructions to so amend the same as to limit its operation to the route of a rail road connecting the western termination of the Michigan Central rail road with the city of Chicago.

Mr. Harris moved to amend the instructions by striking out all after the word "connecting," and inserting "the Central rail road with the village of Grand Rapids," which motion was lost.

And the question recurring on the motion to recommit with instructions, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, by unanimous consent, reported back with an amendment, the bill to regulate the issuing of certain land warrants by the Auditor General, and limiting the time within which they shall be receivable at the state land office, in payment for internal improvement lands.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

The amendment as reported was concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank road company, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to define and regulate the powers and jurisdiction of circuit and county courts in civil and criminal actions, and in the foreclosure of mortgages, which bill was,

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Laid on the table.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Taylor in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to authorize F. G. Hubinger and A. Cramer to erect and maintain a dam across the Cass river, in the county of Saginaw.

And also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriations of internal improvement lands therefor ;

A bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Sheboygan to Lake Huron ;

A bill to authorize certain internal improvements in the several counties of this state ;

A bill to provide for improving the Detroit and Grand River road ;

A bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City rail road company ; and

A bill to continue for a limited time the charter of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, and for other purposes.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriations of internal improvement lands therefor, were severally concurred in ; and

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The further consideration of the bill to authorize certain internal improvements in the several counties of this state, was,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Indefinitely postponed.

The amendment to the bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Sheboygan to Lake Huron, was concurred in; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The first amendment to the bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road, which amendment strikes out "five" before "thousand," in the second line of section one, and inserts "ten," was,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Amended by striking out "ten" and inserting "seven."

And the amendment as amended was then concurred in.

The remaining amendments reported were severally concurred in; and

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City rail road company, were concurred in; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to continue for a limited time the charter of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, and for other purposes, were severally concurred in.

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend the bill by adding the following to stand as section eight:

"Sec. 8. If any person holding a bill or bills of said banking company, shall present the same for payment during banking hours, at the banking house of said company, and shall be refused either silver or gold for the same, when so demanded, then the officers, clerks and stockholders of said banking company shall be deemed guilty of fraud, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not less than five nor more than twenty years"; which section was rejected by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Eldredge,

Mr. Mulhollen,

Mr. Voorheis,

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Bennett,
Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Clark,
Dennis,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,
Hazen,

Mr. King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Noyes,
Patchen,
Patterson,
Pierce,

Mr. Powell,
Quackenbush,
Russell,
Scott,
Smith,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Vickery,
Warren,
Worden,
Young,
Speaker,

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Mr. Powell moved to amend the sixth line of section three by striking out the words "one and one half times," which motion was lost.

Mr. Noyes moved that the eleventh line of section four be amended by striking out the word "old," which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Eldredge moved that the words "of its own," be stricken out of the fifth line of section four.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The House adjourned.

Friday, March 17, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Carver, Enos, Howard, and Williams, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Burnett, Mathews and Murray were absent without leave.

Mr. Lawrence asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Burnett, for a indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Mack presented the petition of L. L. Treat and one hundred and seventeen other citizens of Oakland and Lapeer counties, for the

incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Pontiac to Lapeer, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Baldwin presented the petition of James Clark and fifty-eight others, and of A. McIntyre and sixty-seven others, of Wayne county, for the repeal of all penal laws against running horses, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Palmer presented the petition of Wm. P. Kassick and one hundred and fifty-seven others, for an alteration in the corporate limits of the village of Jackson, and also

The remonstrance of sundry citizens of Jackson, against repealing the charter of said village, which were referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported the following entitled bills, which were severally read twice and laid on the table, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Saline plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Monroe plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Erie plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ann Arbor Plank road company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Union city plank road company.

Mr. Lothrop, from the same committee, reported the following entitled bills back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Rochester and Royal Oak plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and Dewitt plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Sterling plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Owasso and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Eaton Rapids plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Clinton and Bad River plank road company ;

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported a bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Ionia ;

Which bill was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the petition of H. H. Comstock, for the charter of a bank to be located at Otsego, reported adverse to the prayer of the petition, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, the bill to incorporate the Mariner's Church, of Detroit.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order,

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported a bill to incorporate the president, directors and company of the Peninsular Bank ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment, the bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kalamazoo to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at the village of Kalamazoo, and for other purposes ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands to construct roads and bridges or for draining swamps and marshes in Calhoun county ;

The bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Oakland ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads in the county of Branch.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following communication was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 16, 1849.

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

A bill to incorporate the Romeo and Lapeer plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Grand River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Black Lake plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Utica plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Portland and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Marshall and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Bean Creek plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Jackson and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and White Pigeon plank road company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw plank road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bills and amendments were laid on the table.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to amend chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of Joseph L. F. Langley.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the amendment reported was concurred in by the House.

The joint resolution was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back without action, the memorial of Noah Brookfield and other citizens of Berrien county, relative to certain university lands, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported a bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Ionia ;

Which bill was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the petition of H. H. Comstock, for the charter of a bank to be located at Otsago, reported adverse to the prayer of the petition, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, the bill to incorporate the Mariner's Church, of Detroit.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported a bill to incorporate the president, directors and company of the Peninsular Bank ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment, the bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kalamazoo to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at the village of Kalamazoo, and for other purposes ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands to construct roads and bridges or for draining swamps and marshes in Calhoun county ;

The bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Oakland ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads in the county of Branch.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following communication was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 18, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act for the improvement of the Paw Paw river ; and
 An act to incorporate the Northwestern mining company, of Detroit.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
 Michigan, March 16, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

- A bill to incorporate the Bohemian mining company ;
- A bill to aid in the construction of bridges in the county of Kent ;
- A bill to improve a state road in the county of Hillsdale ; and
- A bill to empower the judge of probate of the county of Berrien to authorize the sale of certain real estate.

I am further instructed to return the following bills, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked :

- A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31, 1840 ; and
- A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company.

Also to return the following bills, in which the Senate have concurred :

A bill ruthorizing the laying out of a state road from Thorne's mill, in Lapeer county, to Axford's mill, in Oakland county ;

A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Allegan ;

A bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to laying out, altering and discontinuing highways ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road leading from the village of St. Joseph, in the county of Berrien, to the village of La Grange, in the county of Cass ;

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to Roger's mill, in the county of Lapeer ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement funds for the improvement of a certain road in the counties of Livingston and Genesee ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving a certain road in the county of Ottawa, and building a bridge and causeway at Grand Haven, in said county.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill authorizing the laying out of a state road from Thorne's mill, in Lapeer county, to Axford's mill, in Oakland county ;

The bill to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Allegan ;

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the laying out, altering and discontinuing highways ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road leading from the village of St. Joseph, in the county of Berrien, to the village of La Grange, in the county of Cass ;

The bill to establish a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to Rogers' mills, in the county of Lapeer ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road in the counties of Livingston and Genesee ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving a certain road in the county of Ottawa, and building a bridge and causeway at Grand Haven, in said county ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to aid in the construction of certain bridges in the county of Kent ; and

The Senate bill to improve a certain road in the county of Hillsdale ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The Senate bill to empower the judge of probate of the county of Berrien to authorize the sale of certain real estate, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Bohemian mining company, was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Senate amendments to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail-road company, were concurred in, in gross, by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Patterson,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Quackenboss,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Russell,
Blades,	King,	Scott,
Brown,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Clark,	Lane,	St. John,
Crouse,	Lawrence,	H. Stone,
Dennis,	Littlejohn,	Strong,
Denton,	Lothrop,	Terry,
Dimond,	Mack,	Vickery,
Dodge,	M. B. Martin,	Voorhees,
Eldredge,	W. R. Martin,	Warren,
Emmons,	Mowry,	Worden,
Ferrie,	Mulhollen,	Young,
Frazer,	Patchen,	Speaker,
Granger,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. McKinney,	Mr. H. H. Stone,
Bingham,	Morris,	

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The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31, 1840, was taken up, and the question being on concurring in the Senate amendments thereto,

Mr. Baldwin moved a call of the House, which motion was lost, and

The question recurring on concurring in the Senate amendments to the bill, the following was the vote thereon :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Mulhollen,
Baldwin,	Granger,	Noyes,
Barlow,	Hazard,	Pierce,
Bingham,	Hazen,	Quackenboss,
Blades,	King,	Russell,
Brown,	Kingsley,	Scott,
Campbell,	Lane,	St. John,
Clark,	Lawrence,	Strong,

Crouse,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,

Mack,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Mowry,

Taylor,
Warren,
Worden,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
McKinney,

Mr. Patchen,
Powell,
Smith,
Terry,

Mr. Turner,
Vickery,
Young,

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Two-thirds of the House not having voted in the affirmative, in accordance with the former decision of the House, the Speaker declared the amendments non-concurred in.

Mr. Terry appealed from that decision.

The question then being, shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House,

Mr. Lothrop sent to the chair the following inquiry in writing, to wit :

"The House having determined by a vote of two-thirds, that the assent of two-thirds of the members elected to the House shall be necessary to pass an act of incorporation, is it in order to take an appeal from the decision of the chair, when that decision was in accordance with the previous decision of the House ?"

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The whole subject was laid on the table.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills and joint resolutions were correctly engrossed, viz :

The bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City rail road company ;

The bill to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriations of internal improvement lands therefor ;

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road ;

The bill to extend the limits of the township of Ionia ;

The bill to regulate the issuing of certain land warrants by the Auditor General, and limiting the time within which they shall be receivable at the state land office in payment for internal improvement lands ;

The bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Sheboygan to Lake Huron ; and

The joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Patrick Kilfoil.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of the Kalamazoo river between the village of Allegan and Lake Michigan ; and

A bill to refund certain highway moneys in the county of Barry.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

All bills on the table incorporating plank road companies, were taken from the table, and made the special order for to-day.

Mr. Dimond offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be and they are hereby instructed to introduce a bill providing that all moneys collected and paid out for township, county, and state purposes, shall be in specie.

Mr. Vickery moved to amend the resolution, by adding thereto the words, "or its equivalent," which motion was lost, and

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Young gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for organizing courts of special sessions.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That from and after Thursday, the twenty-third instant, no more bills or new matter of any kind, except such as may be sent from the Senate to this House for its action, and the general appropriation bill, will be received or acted upon by this House, communications from the Executive department excepted.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Terry moved that the vote concurring in the Senate amendments to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company be reconsidered, which motion was lost.

Mr. Terry, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Macomb county mutual insurance company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Denton, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Turner offered the following resolution, which was not adopted :

Resolved, That the memorial of Noah Brookfield and others, of Barrien county, praying for a reduction in the price of certain university lands in said county, be referred to a select committee of three, with instructions to report thereon with all convenient despatch.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill to prevent the circulation of foreign notes, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill to repeal the charter of the village of Marshall, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The following entitled bills were taken from the table, viz :

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to make certain improvements in the town of Michigan ;

A bill to provide for the completion of the capitol buildings, and for the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriations therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan ;

A bill conveying to the state of Michigan a certain piece of land in the township of Michigan ; and

A bill for the conveyance of certain lands to the state of Michigan, and for other purposes ; and

On motion of Mr. Mack,

They were referred to the committee on ways and means.

The bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Sheboygan to Lake Huron, was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Emerson,

Referred to the committee on education with instructions to strike out "Sheboygan," wherever it occurs in the bill, and insert "Cheboygan."

The bill to extend the limits of the township of Ionia;

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road;

The bill to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriation of internal improvement lands therefor;

The bill to regulate the issue of certain land warrants by the Auditor General, and limiting the time within which they shall be receivable at the state land office in payment for internal improvement lands; and

The joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Patrick Kilfoil;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City rail road company, came up for a third reading, when it was.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Scott, from the committee on education, by unanimous consent, reported back, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House, the bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Cheboygan to Lake Huron.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

The bill was passed.

Mr. Spencer, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the Detroit and Saline plank road company;

Which was read twice and placed on the file of bills on the special order for to-day.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to authorize F. G. Hubinger and A. Cramer to erect and maintain a dam across the Cass river, in the county of Saginaw, and ordered it to be read the third time; and

The bill was then read the third time and passed.

The bill to continue for a limited time the charter of the Farmers'

and Mechanics' Bank, and for other purposes, was taken up, and the question being on the motion yesterday made by Mr. Eldredge, to strike out the words "of its own," in the fifth line of section four, when,

Mr. Scott moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost; and

The question recurring on the motion to strike out, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Young moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Smith,	
Baldwin,	Granger,	Taylor,	
Bennett,	Mack,	Turner,	
Denton,	McKinney,	Young,	
Eldredge,	Mowry,		14

NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Kingsley,	Mr. Russell,	
Bingham,	Lane,	Scott,	
Blades,	Lawrence,	Spencer,	
Brown,	Littlejohn,	St. John,	
Campbell,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,	
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,	
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,	
Dennis,	Morris,	Terry,	
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Vickery,	
Emmons,	Palmer,	Voorheis,	
Harris,	Patchen,	Warren,	
Hazard,	Pierce,	Worden,	
Hazen,	Powell,	Speaker,	
King,	Quackenboss,		41

On motion of Mr. Powell,

The fifth line of section three was amended by striking out the words "over and above the specie then actually deposited in and owned by the bank."

Mr. Denton moved that the following proviso be added to section seven, which motion was lost, viz :

"Provided, that before this act shall take effect, the question shall be submitted to the people at the general election, on the first Tuesday in November next, and it shall be the duty of the township boards in the several townships of this state, to prepare separate boxes, and

The Senate bill to incorporate the Bohemian mining company, was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Senate amendments to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company, were concurred in, in gross, by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Patterson,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Quackenboss,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Russell,
Blades,	King,	Scott,
Brown,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Clark,	Lane,	St. John,
Crouse,	Lawrence,	H. Stone,
Dennis,	Littlejohn,	Strong,
Denton,	Lothrop,	Terry,
Dimond,	Mack,	Vickery,
Dodge,	M. B. Martin,	Voorheis,
Eldredge,	W. R. Martin,	Warren,
Emmons,	Mowry,	Worden,
Ferris,	Mulhollen,	Young,
Frazer,	Patchen,	Speaker,
Granger,		

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Mr. Barlow,	Mr. McKinney,	Mr. H. H. Stone,
Bingham,	Morris,	

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Mr. Baldwin moved a call of the House, which motion was lost, and

The question recurring on concurring in the Senate amendments to the bill, the following was the vote thereon :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Mulhollen,
Baldwin,	Granger,	Noyes,
Barlow,	Hazard,	Pierce,
Bingham,	Hazen,	Quackenboss,
Blades,	King,	Russell,
Brown,	Kingsley,	Scott,
Campbell,	Lane,	St. John,
Clark,	Lawrence,	Strong,

Crouse,
Diamond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,

Mack,
W. B. Martin,
Morris,
Mowry,

Taylor,
Warren,
Worden,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
McKinney,

Mr. Patchen,
Powell,
Smith,
Terry,

Mr. Turner,
Vickery,
Young,

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Two-thirds of the House not having voted in the affirmative, in accordance with the former decision of the House, the Speaker declared the amendments non-concurred in.

Mr. Terry appealed from that decision.

The question then being, shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House,

Mr. Lothrop sent to the chair the following inquiry in writing, to wit :

"The House having determined by a vote of two-thirds, that the assent of two-thirds of the members elected to the House shall be necessary to pass an act of incorporation, is it in order to take an appeal from the decision of the chair, when that decision was in accordance with the previous decision of the House ?"

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The whole subject was laid on the table.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills and joint resolutions were correctly engrossed, viz :

The bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City rail road company ;

The bill to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriations of internal improvement lands therefor ;

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road ;

The bill to extend the limits of the township of Ionia ;

The bill to regulate the issuing of certain land warrants by the Auditor General, and limiting the time within which they shall be receivable at the state land office in payment for internal improvement lands ;

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The joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Patrick Kilfoil.

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A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of the Kalamazoo river between the village of Allegan and Lake Michigan ; and

A bill to refund certain highway moneys in the county of Barry.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

All bills on the table incorporating plank road companies, were taken from the table, and made the special order for to-day.

Mr. Dimond offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be and they are hereby instructed to introduce a bill providing that all moneys collected and paid out for township, county, and state purposes, shall be in specie.

Mr. Vickery moved to amend the resolution, by adding thereto the words, "or its equivalent," which motion was lost, and

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Young gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for organizing courts of special sessions.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution :

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On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Terry moved that the vote concurring in the Senate amendments to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company be reconsidered, which motion was lost.

Mr. Terry, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Macomb county mutual insurance company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Denton, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Turner offered the following resolution, which was not adopted :

Resolved, That the memorial of Noah Brookfield and others, of Berrien county, praying for a reduction in the price of certain university lands in said county, be referred to a select committee of three, with instructions to report thereon with all convenient despatch.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill to prevent the circulation of foreign notes, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill to repeal the charter of the village of Marshall, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The following entitled bills were taken from the table, viz :

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to make certain improvements in the town of Michigan ;

A bill to provide for the completion of the capitol buildings, and for the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriations therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan ;

A bill conveying to the state of Michigan a certain piece of land in the township of Michigan ; and

A bill for the conveyance of certain lands to the state of Michigan, and for other purposes ; and

On motion of Mr. Mack,

They were referred to the committee on ways and means.

The bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Sheboygan to Lake Huron, was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Emerson,

Referred to the committee on education with instructions to strike out "Sheboygan," wherever it occurs in the bill, and insert "Cheboygan."

The bill to extend the limits of the township of Ionia;

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road;

The bill to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriation of internal improvement lands therefor;

The bill to regulate the issue of certain land warrants by the Auditor General, and limiting the time within which they shall be receivable at the state land office in payment for internal improvement lands; and

The joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Patrick Kimbail;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City rail road company, came up for a third reading, when it was.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Scott, from the committee on education, by unanimous consent, reported back, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House, the bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Cheboygan to Lake Huron.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

The bill was passed.

Mr. Spencer, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the Detroit and Saline plank road company;

Which was read twice and placed on the file of bills on the special order for to-day.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to authorize F. G. Habinger and A. Crasner to erect and maintain a dam across the Cass river, in the county of Saginaw, and ordered it to be read the third time; and

The bill was then read the third time and passed.

The bill to continue for a limited time the charter of the Farmers'

and Mechanics' Bank, and for other purposes, was taken up, and the question being on the motion yesterday made by Mr. Eldredge, to strike out the words "of its own," in the fifth line of section four, when,

Mr. Scott moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost, and

The question recurring on the motion to strike out, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Young moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Smith,	
Baldwin,	Granger,	Taylor,	
Bennett,	Mack,	Turner,	
Denton,	McKinney,	Young,	
Eldredge,	Mowry,		14

NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Kingsley,	Mr. Russell,	
Bingham,	Lane,	Scott,	
Blades,	Lawrence,	Spencer,	
Brown,	Littlejohn,	St. John,	
Campbell,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,	
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,	
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,	
Dennis,	Morris,	Terry,	
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Vickery,	
Emmons,	Palmer,	Voorheis,	
Harris,	Patchen,	Warren,	
Hazard,	Pierce,	Worden,	
Hazen,	Powell,	Speaker,	
King,	Quackenboss,		41

On motion of Mr. Powell,

The fifth line of section three was amended by striking out the words "over and above the specie then actually deposited in and owned by the bank."

Mr. Denton moved that the following proviso be added to section seven, which motion was lost, viz :

"Provided, that before this act shall take effect, the question shall be submitted to the people at the general election, on the first Tuesday in November next, and it shall be the duty of the township boards in the several townships of this state, to prepare separate boxes, and

those voting in favor of this bill, shall have on their ballots "Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank—yes," and those voting against said bill, shall have on their ballots "Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank—no."

Mr. Hazard moved that the twelfth line of section four be amended by inserting after "1849" the words "said stockholders shall also be individually liable for the payment of all other bills issued by said bank under the provisions of this act," which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The words "or the Deputy State Treasurer, under the direction of the State Treasurer," were inserted after "Treasurer," in the first line of section four.

Mr. McKinney moved that all after the enacting clause of the bill be stricken out, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,
Denton,
Dimond,
Eldredge,

Mr. Frazer,
Granger,
McKinney,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Patterson,

Mr. Russell,
Smith,
Taylor,
Turner,
Young,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Clark,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Harris,
Hazard,
Hazen,
King,

Mr. Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Noyes,
Patchen,
Pierce,
Powell,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Scott,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Terry,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Worden,
Speaker,

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Mr. Littlejohn moved that the bill be laid on the table and ordered to be printed as amended, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Resolved, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to Mr. Gillam, for the evening for the purpose of giving a concert.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Three o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Burnett, Carver, Enos, Howard and Williams, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Hazard and W. R. Martin were absent without leave.

Mr. Emmons asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Hazard, for an indefinite time.

Mr. Lane for Mr. W. R. Martin, as above.

Mr. Emmons, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company, which was read twice and placed on the special order for to-day.

Mr. Mack, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the Lapeer and Pontiac plank road company, which was read twice and placed on the special order for the day.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the special order, Mr Dennis in the chair.

After some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and through their chairman reported back without amendment,

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Union City plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Monroe plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and White Pigeon plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Saline plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ann Arbor plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Erie plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Utica plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Bean Creek plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Portland and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Sterling plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Lapeer and Pontiac plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Tecumseh and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and Detroit plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Rochester and Royal Oak plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Black Lake plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Saline plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Eaton Rapids plank road company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Jackson and Michigan plank road company.

And also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to incorporate the Clinton and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Owasso and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Romeo and Lapeer plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw plank road company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Grand River plank road company.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the six last named bills, were concurred in, in gross.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The bill to incorporate the Clinton and Bad River plank road company, was amended by filling the blank in the second line of section one, with the names of "J. W. Turner, Daniel Ferguson, Stephen W. Downer, Chandler W. Coy and Robert E. Craven."

Mr. Pierce moved to amend the fifth line of section four, by inserting "if the power of repeal herein expressly reserved is not exercised," after the word "years," which motion was lost.

Mr. Pierce moved to add the following proviso to section four :

"Provided further, that the people of this state, in convention assembled, after the year 1878, shall not declare this act an infringe-

ment of their rights, privileges and immunities, as a free, sovereign and independent state," which motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The following entitled bills were severally ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Grand River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Romeo and Lapeer plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Owasso and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Monroe plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and White Pigeon plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Saline plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ann Arbor plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Erie plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Utica plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Bean Creek plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Sterling plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Lapeer and Pontiac plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Tecumseh and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and Detroit plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Rochester and Royal Oak plank road company ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony and settlers now settling in the counties of Saginaw and Tuscola, was amended by adding thereto the following: "and upon the presentation of his account for such services, verified by the oath of said commissioner, the Auditor General shall issue his warrants for the amount, payable in internal improvement lands, from the above appropriation, which warrants shall be receivable by the Commissioner of the Land Office for internal improvement lands not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following was inserted in the bill, to stand as section six: "Sec. 6. Whenever any contractor, under the preceding section of this act, shall have finished his job according to the terms and specifications of his contract, and the same shall have been accepted by said special commissioner, or any service shall have been rendered under the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of said special commissioner to pay said contractor or contractors, for any such services or work, by his order on the Auditor General for warrants drawn against and payable in internal improvement lands, and which warrants shall be received at the land office in payment for any internal improvement lands belonging to the state, not otherwise appropriated: Provided, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell any of said lands at a price less than that now established by law, or in a less quantity in any one certificate than forty acres."

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

The word "three," before "dollars," in the third line of section six, was stricken out, and "two" inserted.

The amendments were then ordered to be engrossed, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The committee on engrossment and enrollment were authorized to employ such assistant engrossing clerks as they should deem necessary for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. H. H. Stone,

Resolved, That on to-morrow and thereafter, this House will hold but one session a day, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, March 18, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Burnett, Carver, Enos, Hazard, Howard, W. R. Martin and Williams, were absent on leave.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Barlow asked that he might change his vote from the negative to the affirmative on the question of concurring in the Senate amendments to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company, which request was allowed by the House.

Mr. Terry asked that he might change his vote from the affirmative to the negative on the same question, which request was refused by the House.

Mr. Emmons presented the petition of Nancy Butler for relief, in relation to certain lands, of which her husband died seized, and which are supposed to be escheated to the state, which was referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, the bill to empower the judge of probate of the county of Berrien to authorize a sale of certain real estate.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged; and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back with sundry amendments, the bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City rail road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the amendments reported were concurred in.

The bill was then read the third time, and the question being on its passage,

Mr. Mathews was excused from voting thereon.

And the bill was not passed by the following vote, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Bingham,	Mr. Littlejohn,	Mr. Spencer,
Blades,	Lothrop,	St. John,
Campbell,	Mack,	Taylor,
Crouse,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,
Emmons,	Murray,	Vickery,
Ferris,	Noyes,	Warren,
Granger,	Palmer,	Worden,
King,	Patchen,	Young,
Kingale,	Pierce,	Speaker,
Lawrence,	Smith,	

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Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Quackenboss,
Baldwin,	Harris,	Russell,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Scott,
Brown,	Lane,	H. Stone,
Clark,	Morris,	H. H. Stone,
Dennis,	Mowry,	Strong,
Denton,	Mulhollen,	Turner,
Dimond,	Patterson,	Voorheis,
Dodge,	Powell,	

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Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill authorizing the laying out a state road from Thorne's mill, in Lapeer county, to Axford's mills, in Oakland county ;

The bill to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Allegan ;

The bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the laying out, altering and discontinuing highways ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road leading from the village of St. Joseph, in the county of Berrien, to the village of La Grange, in the county of Cass ;

The bill to establish a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to Roger's mills, in the county of Lapeer ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road in the counties of Livingston and Genesee ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving a certain road in the county of Ottawa, and building a bridge and causeway at Grand Haven, in said county.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the majority of the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to carry out the recommendations of the Executive in relation to theatrical exhibitions and public shows, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Lothrop, from the minority of the same committee, reported a bill to abolish theatrical exhibitions, public shows, or other exhibitions, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, reported back without action, the petition of forty citizens of this state, for the passage of a law taxing old bachelors for the support of indigent females, widows and orphans, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that it be referred to a select committee of three.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the petition was referred to a select committee.

Mr. Harris, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage,

The Senate bill to aid in the construction of certain bridges in the county of Kent.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 17, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to organize a certain township ;

An act to amend the charter of the city of Monroe, and for other purposes ;

An act for the relief of Asa Pratt ;

An act to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Three Rivers plank road company ;

An act to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Eaton, Barry and Allegan, and making appropriations therefor ; and

A joint resolution relative an adjustment of the claim of Diodate Hubbard.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 17, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, and joint resolution, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Pontiac and Lapeer plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Genesee county plank road company ; and

Joint resolution authorizing a special session of the board of auditors.

I am further instructed to return the bill to amend section twenty-three of chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to amend section twenty-three of chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution authorizing a special session of the board of auditors, was read twice and referred to the committee on state affairs.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Pontiac and Lapeer plank road company ; and

The Senate bill to incorporate the Genesee county plank road company ;

Were severally read twice, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 17, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, and joint resolutions, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked :

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and Mason plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Saline plank road company ;

A joint resolution authorizing the Auditor General to discharge certain mortgages ; and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Edward G. Adderly.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have receded from their first, second, fourth and fifth amendments to the bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases, and that they have concurred in the House amendment to the third Senate amendment to said bill.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands, in certain cases, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Michigan and Mason plank road company ;

The Senate bill to incorporate the Jackson and Michigan plank road company ; and

The Senate bill to incorporate the Detroit and Saline plank road company ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Senate joint resolution authorizing the Auditor General to discharge certain mortgages, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of Edward G. Ad-derly, was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Barlow, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents ;

Which was read twice, and referred to the committee on state af-fairs.

Mr. Patchen, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the relief of George Buck, which was read twice, and referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Frazer gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill for laying out and establishing a state road from the forks of Bad river to Tittibawassa river, in the township of Tittiba-wassa.

The bill to vacate a certain alley in the village of Albion ; and

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Joseph L. F. Lang-ley ;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to incorporate the Adrian and Union City plank road com-pany ; when

Mr. Hazen moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word "locate," in the third line of section two, and inserting "by way of the village of Harrison and the village of Jonesville, to the village of Union City in the county of Branch," which motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Lothrop in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported that there was not a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

A call of the House was had and it was found that Messrs. Baker, Bennett, Clark, Mathews, Patchen, Powell and Young were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Lothrop in the chair.

And after spending a short time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to authorize certain persons to convey lands in the county of Allegan ;

A bill to authorize Asquire W. Aldrich to build a dam across the Clinton river, in Macomb county ;

A bill for the establishment of a scientific observatory under the patronage of the Detroit young men's society ; and

A bill relative to the discharge of judgments and decrees, and for other purposes ; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the construction of a free bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac ;

A bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships in the county of Kalamazoo ;

A bill providing for internal improvements in the county of Lenawee ;

A bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent ;

A bill to authorize Cholett Cady, Jonathan R. Hart, and Isaac Merritt, to build a dam across Kalamazoo river, on section twelve, in the township of Battle Creek ; and

A bill to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels.

The bill to authorize Asquire W. Aldrich to build a dam across the Clinton river, in Macomb county, was

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Laid on the table.

The bill relative to the discharge of judgments and decrees, and for other purposes, was

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Laid on the table.

The bill for the establishment of a scientific observatory under the patronage of the Detroit young men's society, was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Hiram Burnham certain lands selected for saline purposes, was taken up, when

Mr. Littlejohn moved that all after the enacting clause be stricken out.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The words "one dollar and twenty-five cents," were stricken out of the fifth line of section one, and "four dollars" inserted.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The words "with interest from the date of the approval by the general government," were added to the first section.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The words "east half of the," were inserted in the third line of section one, before the word "north."

The question then recurring on striking out all after the enacting clause, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Clark,
Dimond,
Granger,

Mr. Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Morris,
Powell,

Mr. Russell,
Scott,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voarheis,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bingham,
Blades,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,

Mr. Lane,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
McKinney,
Mulhollen,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Smith,
Spencer,
St. John,
H. Stone,

Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Hazard,
King,
Kingsley,

Murray,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Patterson,
Pierce,

H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Warren,
Young,
Speaker,

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Mr. Lothrop moved that the bill be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The House adjourned.

Monday, March 20, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Burnett, Enos, Hazard, W. R. Martin and Williams, were absent on leave and Messrs. Dimond, Ferris, Harris, Mathews, Palmer, and Young were absent without leave.

Mr. H. H. Stone asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Young for an indefinite period.

Mr. Granger for Mr. St. John as above.

Mr. Mowry for Messrs. Dimond and Ferris, as above.

Mr. Morris for Mr. Palmer as above.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Mr. Pierce presented the petition of the officers of school district number four of the township of Lansing, for the grant of a lot in the town of Michigan for the erection of a school house, which was referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Vickery presented the petition of I. E. Lambourn, for the repeal of so much of chapter one hundred and fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, as makes it a penitentiary offence to study surgery and anatomy, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. H. Stone presented the claim of Samuel Pitts, Jane Sweeney, and others, on account of the location of the Southern rail road across a certain farm, which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Littlejohn presented the petition of all the inhabitants of the school section in the town of Michigan, in relation to the mode of conducting proposed improvements thereon, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Barlow presented the petition of Luther B. Hill and Porter S. Pennel, for authority to erect a dam across the Thornapple river, in the county of Barry, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back with an amendment, the bill to incorporate the national mining company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, the bill to incorporate the Bohemian mining company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back the bill to incorporate the Macomb county mutual insurance company, and reported adverse to its passage.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged ; and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill for the relief of George Buck.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Spencer, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill relative to the repeal of the charter of the village of Ann Arbor ;

Which was read twice, and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The engrossment of the bill was dispensed with, and the rules were suspended to enable it to be read the third time to-day.

Mr. Spencer, from the same committee, reported back without amendment,

The Senate bill to incorporate the Detroit and Saline plank road company ;

The Senate bill to incorporate the Pontiac and Lapeer plank road company ;

The Senate bill to incorporate the Genesee county plank road company ;

The Senate bill to incorporate the Jackson and Michigan plank road company ; and

The Senate bill to incorporate the Michigan and Mason plank road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bills were laid on the table.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on federal relations, to whom were referred resolutions of the states of Tennessee and Alabama, approving of Mr. Whitney's plan of a rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean, submitted a written report, which was,

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported a bill to provide for the improvement of the Marshall and Charlotte road ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, the bill to prescribe the powers and regulate the proceedings of courts of justices of the peace.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged ; and

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill for the relief of Nancy Butler ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, March 18, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to establish a state road from the village of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary of the county of Lapeer ;

An act to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Allegan ;

An act to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to laying out, altering and discontinuing highways ;

An act authorizing the laying out a state road from Thorne's mill, in Lapeer county, to Axford's mill, in Oakland county ;

An act to refund certain highway moneys in the county of Barry ;
and

An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby and Detroit rail road company.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 18, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return the joint resolution relative to the settlement of the claim of Patrick Kilfoil, which the Senate have passed with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate amendment to the joint resolution relative to the settlement of the claim of Patrick Kilfoil, was concurred in, and the joint resolution as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 18, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Dexter and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Brest and Ypsilanti plank road company ;

A bill to provide for the improvement of the main road from Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to Michigan, in Ingham county ;

A bill to provide for opening and improving the road from the south line of the township of Mayfield, on the Flint river, to the Holland Colony, in the county of Tuscola, and for building a bridge across the Cass river, at or near Hurd's mill, so called.

Also, to return the following entitled bill and joint resolution, in which the Senate have concurred :

A bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, through Bellevue and Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, to Michigan, in the county of Ingham ; and

Joint resolution concerning the Saute Ste Marie.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in House amendment to the joint resolution relative to the claims of Joseph L. F. Langley, and that said resolution as amended, has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, through Bellevue and Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, to Michigan, in the county of Ingham ; and

The joint resolution concerning the Saute Ste Marie ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Brest and Ypsilanti plank road company ; and

The Senate bill to incorporate the Dexter and Michigan plank road company ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Senate bill to provide for opening and improving the road leading from the south line of the township of Mayfield, on the Flint river, to the Holland Colony, in the county of Tuscola, and for building a bridge across the Cass river, at or near Hurd's mill, so called ; and

The Senate bill to improve the main road from Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to Michigan, in Ingham county ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill to incorporate the Macomb county mutual insurance company, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Powell moved that the following entitled bills be taken from the table and referred to the committee of the whole, which motion was lost, viz :

A bill to carry out the recommendations of the Executive, in relation to theatrical exhibitions and public shows ; and

A bill to abolish theatrical exhibitions, public shows or other exhibitions.

On motion of Mr. Worden,

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Marshall and for other purposes ;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. H. H. Stone, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne to repair or rebuild the two-draw bridges over the river Rouge, the one in the township of Greenfield and the other in the township of Springwells, in said county, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Baker gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to improve the road from Fentonville to Springfield.

Mr. Frazer, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to establish a state road from the village of Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Saginaw City, in the county of Saginaw, which was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The bill to amend chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes, was taken from the the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Denton moved that the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City rail road company was lost, be reconsidered, which motion prevailed, and

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The petition of Noah S. Harvey, relative to a certain street in the village of Frederick, was withdrawn from the files of the House and recommitted to the committee on claims.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill to incorporate the president, directors and company of the Peninsula Bank, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Erie plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Black Lake plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Union City plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Portland and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Lapeer and Pontiac plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Grand River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Rochester and Royal Oak plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ann Arbor plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Tecumseh and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Owasso and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Romeo and Lapeer plank road company;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and DeWitt plank road company;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Erie plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Bean Creek plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and White Pigeon plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Clinton and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Utica plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Monroe plank road company;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Sterling plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Saline plank road company ;

The bill to authorize Peter M. Kinde to build a dam across Grand River ;

The bill to provide for the completion of the capitol buildings, and for the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriations therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan ;

The bill for the establishment of a scientific observatory under the patronage of the Detroit young men's society ; and

The House amendment to the Senate bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony and settlers now settling in the counties of Saginaw and Tuscola.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the following bills and joint resolutions were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases ;

The bill to amend section twenty-three of chapter fifty-eight, of the revised statutes of 1846 ; and

The joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Patrick Kilfoil.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill to define and regulate the powers and jurisdiction of circuit and county courts in civil and criminal actions, and in the foreclosure of mortgages, was taken from the table and made the special order for to-morrow.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Lenawee, and the amendments thereto reported by the committee of the whole, were concurred in, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments to the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the construction of a free bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac, were concurred in, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the following bills, were severally concurred in, and the bills were ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, viz :

The bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent ;

The bill to authorize certain persons to convey lands in the county of Allegan ; and

The bill to authorize Cholette Cady, Jonathan R. Hart, and Isaac Merritt, to build a dam across Kalamazoo river, on section twelve, in the township of Battle Creek.

The amendments reported to the bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships, in the county of Kalamazoo, were severally concurred in.

On motion of Mr. McKinney,

Section five of the bill was stricken out, and the following inserted:

Section 5. Said special commissioner shall proceed in the outlay of the appropriation hereby made, with as much diligence and despatch as shall be compatible with proper economy, and shall render to the Auditor General an account, verified by his oath, of all services by him thus rendered, and shall receive for his services a sum not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per day for the time necessarily employed by him in discharging the duties imposed upon him by virtue of this act, payable from the appropriation hereinbefore made, by the warrant

of the Auditor General drawn upon the Commissioner of the Land Office."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Hiram Burnham certain lands selected for saline purposes, was taken up, when

Mr. Emmons, by unanimous consent offered a substitute therefor which was adopted.

Mr. Spencer moved that the bill be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Lothrop moved that the following proviso be added to section one :

"Provided, That no other person or persons are residing upon and occupying said lot of land at the time of the passage of this act, who are not so occupying adversely to said Burnham."

Mr. Terry moved to amend the proviso, by inserting the words "by a legal or equitable claim," after "Burnham," which motion prevailed, and

The proviso as amended was rejected.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Bingham,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Dennis,
Denton,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Frazer,
Hazen,

Mr. Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Mack,
McKinney,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Patchen,
Patterson,

Mr. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Smith,
St. John,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Vickery,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Clark,
Dodge,
Granger,

Mr. Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
Morris,
Powell,

Mr. Russell,
Scott,
Spencer,
Strong,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Warren,

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Mr. H. Stone, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to amend an act relative to plank roads, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The words "twenty-five," before "dollars," were stricken out of section one, and "fifty" inserted.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The rules were suspended and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The engrossment having been dispensed with, the bill was read the third time and passed.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Emmons, Harris and Worden, as the select committee to whom was referred the petition of forty citizens of this state, for the passage of a law taxing old bachelors for the support of indigent females, widows and orphans.

The bill to authorize Peter M. Kinde to build a dam across Grand River, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to provide for the completion of the capitol buildings, for the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriations therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan, was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Recommitted to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to strike out "acting commissioner," and insert "Auditor General," and also to strike out "first day of September," and insert "twentieth day of April."

The bill for the establishment of a scientific observatory under the patronage of the Detroit young men's society, was read the third time, and the question being upon its passage, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bingham,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Denton,
Emmons,
Hazard,

Mr. Howard,
King,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Patterson,

Mr. Quackenboss,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Worden,
Speaker,

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Kingsley,	Mr. Scott,
Baldwin,	Lawrence,	Smith,
Barlow,	Littlejohn,	Spencer,
Bennett,	Lothrop,	St. John,
Blades,	Mack,	Strong,
Carver,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Clark,	Mathews,	Terry,
Dennis,	Murray,	Turner,
Dodge,	Noyes,	Vickery,
Frazer,	Patchen,	Voorheis,
Granger,	Powell,	Warren,
Hazen,	Russell,	

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Mr. Terry moved that the House adjourn, which motion was lost.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland colony and settlers now settling in the counties of Saginaw and Tuscola, was read the third time and passed.

The bill relative to a repeal of the charter of the village of Ana Arbor. was read the third time, and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Patterson,
Baldwin,	Hazen,	Pierce,
Barlow,	Howard,	Powell,
Burnett,	King,	Quackenboss,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Scott,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	Smith,
Carver,	Mack,	Spencer,
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	St. John,
Crouse,	Mathews,	H. Stone,
Dennis,	McKinney,	H. H. Stone,
Denton,	Morris,	Taylor,
Dodge,	Murray,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Noyes,	Speaker,
Emmons,	Patchen,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Littlejohn,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Turner,
Mowry,		

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The Speaker called Mr. Mack to the chair.

The bill to incorporate the Michigan and DeWitt plank road company, was read the third time, when

Mr. Scott moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Brown, Frazer, Granger, Mulhollen, Patterson, Strong, Vickery and Worden, were absent without leave.

Mr. Russell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Mulhol-
len for the day.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The Sergeant-at-arms was despatched after the absentees.

Some time having elapsed, and several of the absentees having re-
turned,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill to incorpo-
rate the Michigan and De Witt plank road company, it was passed by
a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Noyes,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Patchen,
Barlow,	Hazen,	Quackenboss,
Bennett,	Howard,	Russell,
Bingham,	King,	Scott,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Spencer,
Brown,	Lane,	St. John,
Carver,	Lawrence,	H. Stone,
Clark,	Littlejohn,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	Strong,
Dennis,	Mack,	Taylor,
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	Voorheis,
Dodge,	Mathews,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Morris,	Worden,
Granger,	Mowry,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Smith,
Emmons,	Pierce,	Turner,
McKinney,	Powell,	Speaker,

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The bill to incorporate the Portland and Michigan plank road com-
pany, was read the third time and passed by the following vote, two-
thirds voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Mowry,
Barlow,	Harris,	Noyes,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Patchen,
Bingham,	Hazen,	Quackenboss,
Blades,	Howard,	Russell,
Brown,	King,	Scott,
Campbell,	Kingsley,	Spencer,
Carver,	Lane,	H. Stone,

Clark,	Lawrence,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Littlejohn,	Strong,
Dennis,	Lothrop,	Taylor,
Denton,	Mack,	Vickery,
Dodge,	M. B. Martin,	Voorheis,
Eldredge,	Mathews,	Warren,
Emmons,	Morris,	Worden,

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NAYS.

Mr. McKinney,	Mr. Pierce,	Mr. Smith,
Murray,	Powell,	Turner,

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The bill to incorporate the Owasso and Bad River plank road company, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, the following was the vote thereon :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Noyes,
Baldwin,	Hazen,	Patchen,
Bennett,	Howard,	Quackenboss,
Bingham,	King,	Russell,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Scott,
Brown,	Lane,	Spencer,
Carver,	Lawrence,	H. Stone,
Clark,	Littlejohn,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	Strong,
Dennis,	Mack,	Taylor,
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	Vickery,
Dodge,	Mathews,	Voorheis,
Eldredge,	Morris,	Warren,
Granger,	Mowry,	Worden,
Harris,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Smith,
McKinney,	Pierce,	Turner,

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Two-thirds of the members not having voted in the affirmative, under a former decision of the House, the bill was declared to be lost.

Mr. Terry appealed from that decision, and

On motion of Mr. Clark,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, March 21, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Burnett, Dimond, Enos, W. R. Martin, St. John, Williams and Young, were absent on leave.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Hazen presented the petition of Alexander McCarty and ninety-eight others, for an act to incorporate a company to construct a branch rail road from the north-east corner of the state of Indiana, to the village of Hillsdale, in Hillsdale county, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to authorize Betsey Hitchcock and Milton R. Moore to convey certain real estate ; and

A bill to authorize Harriet Woolcott and Isaac B. Hathaway to convey certain real estate.

Which bills were read twice, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the bill to incorporate a bank in the village of Kalamazoo, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill and substitute referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, to whom was referred the bill to improve the navigation of the Grand River, in the town of Michigan, as a public highway, submitted a written report, which he read, and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill and report were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to establish a state road from the village of Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Saginaw city, in the county of Saginaw.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported a bill to authorize Luther B. Hill and Porter S. Pennel, to build a dam across the Thornapple river, in the county of Barry ;

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne, to repair or rebuild the two draw bridges over the river Rouge, the one in the township of Greenfield and the other in the township of Springwells, in said county.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Emmons, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage the joint resolution authorizing a special session of the board of auditors.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House, the bill to provide for the completion of the capitol buildings, and for the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriations therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged ; and

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly engrossed, viz :

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Hiram Burnham certain lands selected for saline purposes ;

A bill to authorize Cholette Cady, Jonathan Hart and Isaac Merritt, to build a dam across the Kalamazoo river, on section twelve in the township of Battle Creek ;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Lenawee ;

A bill to authorize certain persons to convey lands in the county of Allegan ;

A bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the construction of a free bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac ; and

A bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships in the county of Kalamazoo.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee reported that the following entitled bill and joint resolution were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval :

The bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, through Bellevue and Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, to Michigan, in the county of Ingham ; and

The joint resolution concerning the Saute de Ste Marie.

The following communication was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 20, 1848. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit sundry resolutions of the General Assembly of the state of Georgia, relative to the construction of a rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The communication and accompanying documents were laid on the table.

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 20, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to improve the main traveled road from Hastings, in Barry county, to Battle Creek ;

An act to amend section twenty-three, chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846 ; and

A joint resolution relative to the settlement of a claim of Patrick Kilfoil.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 20, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, and joint resolutions, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Albion to Eaton Rapids, and to make an appropriation for opening and improving the same ;

A bill relative to insurances on lives for the benefit of married women ;

A bill to exempt a homestead from forced sale in certain cases ;

Joint resolution relative to costs before the board of state auditors ;
and

Joint resolution relative to the claim of Sheldon Mathews.

I am further instructed to return the bill to lay out a state road from Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, by the village of Almont, to Port Huron, in St. Clair county, and to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for laying out, establishing and improving the same, which the Senate have passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am further instructed to return the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriation of internal improvement lands therefor ;

A bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Cheboygan to Lake Huron ;

A bill to extend the limits of the township of Ionia ; and

A bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriation of internal improvement lands therefor ;

The bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Cheboygan to Lake Huron ;

The bill to extend the limits of the township of Ionia ; and

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road, were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Albion to Eaton Rapids, and to make an appropriation for opening and improving the same, was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The Senate bill to exempt a homestead from forced sale in certain cases, was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Referred to the select committee to whom the House bill on that subject had been referred.

The Senate bill relative to insurances on lives for the benefit of married women ; and

The Senate joint resolution relative to costs before the board of state auditors ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary. †

The Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of Sheldon Matthews, was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

The Senate amendments to the bill to lay out a state road from Lapeer, by the village of Almont, to Port Huron, in St. Clair county, and to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for laying out, establishing and improving the same, were concurred in, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Hazen,

The bill authorizing Marcus S. Stone to sell certain real estate was taken from the table, and

The amendment thereto reported by the committee of the whole, striking out all after the enacting clause, was non-concurred in ; and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Campbell moved that the vote by which the bill to incorporate

the Owasso and Bad River plank road company was declared to be lost, be reconsidered.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, which motion was lost, and the vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Littlejohn sent up to the chair the following point of order :

"It is not competent for this House to reconsider the vote by which under the decision of the chair, a bill is declared not passed, pending an appeal from such decision of the chair."

The Speaker decided that as the House had entertained the motion to reconsider, without objection, and had by a direct vote reconsidered, the point of order was now out of order.

Mr. Littlejohn appealed from that decision, and the question being shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House, it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Patterson,
Baldwin,	Hazen,	Pierce,
Bennett,	Howard,	Quackenboss,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Blades,	Lane,	Smith,
Carver,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Clark,	Mack,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	M. B. Martin,	Strong,
Dennis,	Mathews,	Taylor,
Denton,	McKinney,	Turner,
Dodge,	Morris,	Vickery,
Eldredge,	Mulhollen,	Voorheis,
Frazer,	Noyes,	Worden,
Granger,	Palmer,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Littlejohn,	Mr. Powell,
Brown,	Lothrop,	Scott,
Campbell,	Mowry,	H. Stone,
Emmons,	Murray,	Terry,
Ferris,	Patchen,	Warren,
Harris,		

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The Speaker then stated that the pending question was on the passage of the bill.

Mr. Littlejohn raised the following point of order : "It is incompetent for this House to vote again upon the passage of a bill which, by the decision of the chair, has been declared to be lost, pending an appeal from that decision."

The Speaker decided that as the House had already reconsidered the vote on the passage of the bill, the recurring question was again on its passage, and therefore the point raised by Mr. Littlejohn, was now out of order.

Mr. Littlejohn appealed from that decision, and the question being shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House, it was decided in the affirmative by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Patterson,
Baldwin,	Hazen,	Pierce,
Bennett,	Howard,	Quackenboss,
Bingham,	King,	Russell,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Carver,	Lane,	Spencer,
Clark,	Mack,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	M. B. Martin,	Strong,
Dennis,	McKinney,	Taylor,
Denton,	Morris,	Turner,
Dodge,	Mowry,	Vickery,
Eldredge,	Mulhollen,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Noyes,	Warren,
Frazer,	Palmer,	41

NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Powell,
Brown,	Littlejohn,	Scott,
Campbell,	Murray,	H. Stone,
Ferris,	Patchen,	Terry,
Harris,		13

The bill to incorporate the Owasso and Bad River plank road company was then passed by a two-thirds vote as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Palmer,
Baldwin,	Granger,	Patterson,
Barlow,	Hazard,	Quackenboss,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Russell,
Bingham,	Howard,	Scott,
Blades,	King,	Smith,
Brown,	Kingsley,	Spencer,
Carver,	Lane,	H. Stone,
Clark,	Lawrence,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Mack,	Strong,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Denton,	Morris,	Vickery,
Dodge,	Mowry,	Voorheis,
Eldredge,	Mulhollen,	Worden,
Emmons,	Noyes,	Speaker,
Ferris,		46

Were severally read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

The bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company, was read the third time, when

Mr. Lothrop moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

And the bill was passed by a two-thirds vote as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Mulhollen,
Baldwin,	Granger,	Noyes,
Barlow,	Harris,	Palmer,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Patterson,
Blades,	Hazen,	Quackenboss,
Brown,	Howard,	Russell,
Carver,	King,	Spencer,
Clark,	Kingsley,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	Lane,	H. H. Stone,
Dennis,	Lawrence,	Strong,
Denton,	Littlejohn,	Taylor,
Dodge,	Mack,	Terry,
Eldredge,	Mathews,	Vickery,
Emmons,	Morris,	Voorheis,
Ferrie,	Mowry,	Warren,
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NAYS.

Mr. Lothrop,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Speaker,
McKinney,	Turner,	5

The following entitled bills were severally read the third time, and each passed by a two-thirds vote, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and White Pigeon plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Rochester and Royal Oak plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Romeo and Lapeer plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Erie plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Sterling plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Kalama zoo and Black Lake plank road company.

A bill to incorporate the Clinton and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Erie plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Lapeer and Pontiac plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Union City plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Utica plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Bean Creek plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Saline plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Tecumseh and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Saline plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Jackson and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Genesee county plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and Mason plank road company ;
and

A bill to incorporate the Pontiac and Lapeer plank road company.

The bill to incorporate the Paw Paw plank road company, was read the third time, when

Mr. Scott moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Terry moved a call of the House, which motion did not prevail.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, Mr. W. R. Martin was excused from voting thereon.

And the bill was passed by a two-thirds vote as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Campbell,
Carver,
Clark,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dodge,

Mr. Granger,
Hazard,
Hazen,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,

Mr. Patchen,
Patterson,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Scott,
Smith,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Vickery,
Voorheis,

Emmons,
Ferrie,
Frazer,

Mulhollen,
Noyes,
Palmer,

Warren,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Eldredge,
Harris,
M. B. Martin,

Mr. McKinney,
Murray,
Pierce,

Mr. Powell,
Turner,
Worden,

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The bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Lenawee, was read the third time and passed.

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Hiram Burnham certain lands selected for saline purposes, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Brown,
Carver,
Clark,
Denton,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Ferrie,
Hazard,
Hazen,

Mr. Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Mack,
McKinney,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Patterson,
Pierce,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Vickery,
Williams,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Barlow,
Blades,
Dennis,
Dodge,
Harris,
Lawrence,

Mr. Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Noyes,
Patchen,

Mr. Powell,
Scott,
Spencer,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Warren,

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A bill to authorize Cholett Cady, Jonathan Hart and Isaac Merritt to build a dam across Kalamazoo river, on section twelve in the township of Battle Creek, was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Laid on the table.

The following entitled bills were severally read the third time and passed, viz :

A bill to authorize certain persons to convey lands in the county of Allegan ;

A bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the construction of a free bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac ;

A bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships in the county of Kalamazoo ; and

A bill authorizing Marcus S. Stone to sell certain real estate.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels, and the amendments thereto reported by the committee of the whole, were concurred in, in gross.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill was laid on the table.

The appeal yesterday taken by Mr. Terry, from the decision of the chair, that the bill to incorporate the Owasso and Bad River plank road company, was lost, came up as unfinished business, and

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The further consideration of the appeal was indefinitely postponed.

The special order being the bill to define and regulate the powers and jurisdiction of circuit and county courts in civil and criminal actions, and in the foreclosure of mortgages, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The bill was made the special order for Friday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Campbell in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported that there was not a quorum present.

Mr. Patchen moved that the House adjourn, which motion was lost, and

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Campbell in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson ;

A bill to authorize Lois Young to sell certain real estate ; and

A bill for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road, in the county of Eaton.

The amendments to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson, and

To the bill for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road, in the county of Eaton,

Were concurred in, and the bills ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendment to the bill to authorize Lois Young to sell certain real estate, was

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Amended by striking out the word "Lenawee," and inserting "Jackson," and the amendment as amended was concurred in.

The amendment was then ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Marshall manufacturing company, in the county of Calhoun, and

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, March 22, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and in the absence of the Speaker, was called to order by Mr. Lawrence.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Dimond, Enos, St. John, and Young, were absent on leave, and Messrs. H. Stone and Williams were absent without leave.

Mr. Hazen asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Williams for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Mr. Hazen presented the petition of William S. Mekum and seventy-two others, for an act to incorporate a company to construct a branch road from the village of Hillsdale, in Hillsdale county, to the north-east corner of the state of Indiana, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Lothrop presented the remonstrance of D. C. Ward and others of the township of Brady, against the appropriation of certain highway taxes for opening and improving a certain road, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. M. B. Martin presented the petition of citizens of Shiawassee county, in relation to a state road from Mason, in Ingham county, to Owasso, in Shiawassee county, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Emmons presented the petition of Backus & Bissell and sundry others; of J. H. Starkweather and others; and of Arthur Edwards and others, relative to the incorporation of the Mariners' Church of the city of Detroit, which were laid on the table.

Mr. Littlejohn presented the petition of certain inhabitants of Allegan county, for the organization of a new township therein, which was referred to the committee on the organization of townships and counties.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, the bill relative to insurance on lives, for the benefit of married women.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to costs before the board of state auditors.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back without amendment, and recommended their passage, the joint resolution relative to the claim of Sheldon Mathews, and

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Edward G. Adderly.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolutions were referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill making appropriations for the salaries of state officers, for the year 1848;

Which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Taylor, from the select committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to exempt a homestead from forced sale in certain cases, reported the same back with an amendment, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged ; and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill was made the special order for to-morrow.

Mr. Emmons, from the committee of conference, made the following report, which was accepted, viz :

The committee appointed by the House to meet a like committee on the part of the Senate, on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847, report that the committee cannot agree, and ask that they be discharged.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The committee was discharged.

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 21, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

A joint resolution concerning the Saut de Ste Marie.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 21, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, of Pittsburgh ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road from Mason, in the county of Ingham, to Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw ;

A bill granting to religious denominations of professing christians suitable grounds in the town of Michigan, owned by the state, whereon to erect houses of public worship ; and

A bill to authorize the corporation of the village of Adrian to borrow money for the purposes therein mentioned.

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A bill to amend an act relative to plank roads ;

A bill to incorporate the village of Mackinac ; and

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Grand Rapids, approved April 5, 1838.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland Colony and settlers now settling in the counties of Saginaw and Tuscola, and that said bill as amended has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

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Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to authorize the corporation of the village of Adrian to borrow money for the purposes therein mentioned ; and

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Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

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The Senate bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road from Mason, in the county of Ingham,

to Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw, was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The Speaker appeared and took the chair.

Mr. Mack, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the Michigan mining company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Barlow, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Barry, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Campbell gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to vacate Front street, and as much of Summit street as lies north of Charlotte street, in Hammond's addition to Union City.

Mr. Carver gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill.

Mr. Pierce, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the Algonquin mining company, which was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. McKinney, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, to the village of Allegan, in Allegan county, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Taylor moved that the several votes by which the following entitled bills were passed, be reconsidered, viz:

A bill to incorporate the Genesee county plank road company;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and Mason plank road company;

A bill to incorporate the Pontiac and Lapeer plank road company;

and

A bill to incorporate the Jackson and Michigan plank road company.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Terry, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ontario transportation company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The appeal taken by Mr Terry on the 17th instant, from the decision of the chair that the Senate amendments to the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31, 1840, were non-concurred in, were taken from the table ; and

The question being, shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House,

Mr. Spencer moved that Messrs. Littlejohn, H. H. Stone and Vickery be excused from voting thereon, and a division of the question being called for,

It was first taken on excusing Mr. Vickary, which was agreed to, and

The question was then taken on excusing Mr. Littlejohn, which was decided in the negative.

The question then recurring on excusing Mr. H. H. Stone, the House refused to excuse him.

The roll having been called, Mr. Littlejohn not voting when his name was called,

Mr. Lothrop moved that he be brought to the bar of the House to answer for a contempt, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The vote by which the House refused to excuse Mr. Littlejohn, was reconsidered, and

The question recurring on the motion to excuse, it was decided in the negative.

The vote on the question "shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House," was then announced, and was as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Blades,
Brown,
Burnett,
Carver,

Mr. Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,
Hazard,
Hazen,
Kingsley,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,

Mr. Mowry,
Noyes,
Patterson,
Pierce,
Quackenbosc,
Russell,
Smith,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,

Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Eldredge,

W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,

Turner,
Voorheis,
Worden,

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NAYS.

Mr. Campbell,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Harris,
Howard,
King,

Mr. Mulhollen,
Murray,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,

Mr. Scott,
Spencer,
Taylor,
Terry,
Warren,

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So the decision of the chair stands as the judgment of the House.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The vote by which the House refused to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31, 1840, was reconsidered, and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lothrop offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, by the journal of the 20th inst., "the bill to incorporate the Owasso and Bad River plank road company was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, the following was the vote thereon :

Yeas 43—Nays 6.

Thereupon the Speaker declared that the bill was lost. Mr. Terry then appealed from the decision of the Speaker, which motion being supported, was stated to the House, and during the pendency of said motion the House adjourned ;

And whereas, the House on the next day, on arriving at the order of unfinished business, the said bill coming up for consideration, and the question being "shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House ;" on motion of Mr. Denton, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed ; the legal effect of which motion was to postpone indefinitely said bill, as well as the question of appeal ;

And whereas, the vote taken on the reconsideration, and finally on the passage of the bill, were in violation of the standing rules of this House, and opposed to every sound principle of parliamentary law ;

And whereas, the dignity and reputation of this House depends on

its strict adherence to those well settled principles of parliamentary law, which, while it throws its arm of protection around the minority, gives character and dignity to the acts of the majority, and makes them worthy of being sought and used as precedents by those who may succeed us ;

And whereas, the Clerk of this House has transmitted said bill to the Senate, for its concurrence ; therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to respectfully request of the Senate that they will transmit said bill to this House without any action thereon :

Which was not adopted by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow, Campbell, Harris, Littlejohn,	Mr. Lothrop, Murray, Patchen, Powell,	Mr. Scott, H. Stone, Terry, Warren,	12
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NAYS.

Mr. Baker, Baldwin, Bennett, Bingham, Blades, Carver, Clark, Crouse, Dennis, Denton, Eldredge, Emmons, Frazer,	Mr. Granger, Hazen, Howard, King, Kingsley, Mack, M. B. Martin, Mathews, McKinney, Morris, Mowry, Noyes, Patterson,	Mr. Pierce, Quackenboss, Russell, Smith, Spencer, H. H. Stone, Strong, Taylor, Turner, Vickery, Voorheis, Worden, Speaker,	30
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On motion of Mr. Scott,

The bill to improve the navigation of the Grand River, in the town of Michigan, as a public highway, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Marshall and Charlotte road, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill to organize a school district from portions of the counties

of St. Clair and Macomb, was taken from the table, and it was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, by unanimous consent, reported a bill to provide for statistical information, which was read twice and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriations of internal improvement lands therefor ;

The bill to extend the limits of the township of Ionia ;

The bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Cheboygan to Lake Huron ;

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road ; and

The bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson ;

The bill for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road, in the county of Eaton ; and

The House amendments to Senate bill to authorize Lois Young to sell certain real estate.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill for the relief of Nancy Butler, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The bill to authorize Lois Young to sell certain real estate, was read the third time and passed.

The bill for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road, in the county of Eaton, was read the third time, when

Mr. Littlejohn, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the sixth line of section one, by inserting "that portion of," before the word "said," and by inserting "so to be improved" after "road," which motion prevailed.

And the bill was then passed.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson, was read the third time, when

Mr. Palmer moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Ferris, Frazer, Harris, Howard, King, Lawrence, Mowry, Patterson, Quackenboss, Scott, Terry, Vickery, Warren and Worden, were absent without leave.

Mr. Burnett asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Lawrence for the day.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The bill was then passed by the following vote, two-thirds voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Noyes,
Baldwin,	Harris,	Palmer,
Barlow,	Hazard,	Patchen,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Patterson,
Bingham,	King,	Pierce,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Powell,
Brown,	Lane,	Russell,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	Smith,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	Spencer,
Carver,	Mack,	H. Stone,
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Dennis,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,
Denton,	Mathews,	Taylor,
Dodge,	Morris,	Voorheis,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Warren,
Emmons,	Mulhollen,	Worden,
Frazer,	Murray,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. McKinney,

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The bill to organize a school district from portions of the counties of St. Clair and Macomb, was read the third time and passed.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr Emmons in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back without amendment,

A bill repealing sections six, seven and eight of chapter one hundred and fourteen of title twenty-four of the revised statutes ;

A bill to amend an act to extend Fort street, in the city of Detroit until it intersects the road leading from Detroit river to Dearbornville, approved March 22, 1837 ;

A bill for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanic arts ;

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to single senatorial and representative districts ;

A bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company ;

A bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Leoni Seminary.

And also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush, and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Ingham ;

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Mason to Okemos, in the county of Ingham ;

A bill to amend chapter thirty of the revised statutes of the state of Michigan ;

Joint resolutions (Senate numbers sixty-one and sixty-two) proposing amendments to the constitution ;

A bill for the registration of marriages, births and deaths ; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Southern rail road company, and the the substitute therefor.

The amendments reported to the bill to establish a state road from the village of Mason to Okemos, in the county of Ingham, were concurred in, in gross.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Crouse,

The bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush, and John Thomas, to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Ingham, was laid on the table.

The amendment striking out all after the resolving clause to the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, (Senate number sixty-two,) was concurred in ; and

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, (Senate number sixty-one,) was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to amend chapter thirty of the revised statutes of the state of Michigan, was laid on the table.

Mr. Emmons moved that the bill for the registration of births, marriages and deaths, be laid on the table, which motion was lost ; and

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on state affairs.

The amendments reported to the substitute for the bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Southern rail road company, were concurred in, in gross, when

Mr. Dennis moved that the bill and substitute be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The second section of the substitute was amended by striking out of the first and second lines the words "adjust with the state auditors, and."

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The first section of the substitute was amended by striking out of the sixth line, the words "whole sum due the state," and inserting "unpaid portion of the purchase price."

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The following words were added to the last named section : "and when the annual nett earnings of said road shall exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars, any such excess shall be expended in addition to said fifty thousand dollars, for the purchase aforesaid."

Mr. Clark moved that section two of the substitute be amended by adding thereto the following : "Said company shall settle all claims for damages for right of way through lands which said road passes, which have not already been adjusted by the state, within one year after the passage of this act," which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The bill and substitute were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Bingham,

The bill to incorporate the Leoni Seminary was laid on the table.
On motion of Mr. Harris,
The House adjourned.

Thursday, March 23, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Dimond, Enos, St. John, Williams and Young, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Lawrence and Patterson were absent without leave.

Mr. Smith asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Patterson, for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Burnett presented the petition of forty citizens of Livingston county, praying for an amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Emmons presented the petition of Benjamin B. Kercheval and some three hundred others, for the incorporation of the Pontiac and Ottawa rail road company, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Mathews presented the petition of G. V. N. Hatfield and others, for the granting of authority to Stephen V. Kinney to build a dam across Grand River, in the county of Ingham, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Hazen presented the petition of Daniel F. Chase and forty others, for an alteration of the laws relative to labor on highways, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of citizens of Clinton county, asking that a state road may be laid out leading from the town of Michigan to Mackinac, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back with sundry amendments, the bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back with amendments, the bill to incorporate the Brest and Ypailanti plank road company; and

The bill to incorporate the Dexter and Michigan plank road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the amendments reported were concurred in, and the bills were ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment,

The bill to provide for the improvement of the main road from Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to Michigan, in Ingham county; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road from Mason, in the county of Ingham, to Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Harris, from the same committee, reported a bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road from Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Byron, in the county of Shiawassee;

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to amend chapter ninety of the revised statutes of 1846;

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Pietce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, of Pittsburgh.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Quackenboss, from the committee on education, made the fol-

lowing reports, which were accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subjects :

The committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of sixty-eight citizens of the township of Porter, in the county of Cass, asking for an alteration in the school law, so that the one mill tax may be appropriated to the support of common schools by vote of the several townships, have had the same under consideration, and report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners.

The same committee have had under consideration a petition of Hiram Campbell and others, of school district number four of the township of Marshall, asking a change in the school law relative to school libraries, and report the petition back to the House without action, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to establish a state road from the village of Mason to Okemos, in the county of Ingham, was correctly engrossed.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Grand Rapids, approved April 5, 1898 ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for laying out and improving a state road from Lapeer, in Lapeer county, by the village of Almont, to St. Clair, in St. Clair county, and which by intersecting with the Fort Gratiot turnpike, shall open a communication from the village of Almont to the village of Port Huron.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back with an amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Michigan plank road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the amendment reported was concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, to whom was referred the petition of certain inhabitants of Allegan county, for the the organization of a new township therein, reported the same back, and reported adverse to the prayer of the petition.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged,

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, March 22, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to extend the limits of the township of Ionia ;

An act authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Cheboygan to Lake Huron ; and

An act to amend an act entitled an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13th, 1848.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 22, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to establish a branch of the university of Michigan as a state normal school ;

A bill relative to common schools ;

A bill to incorporate the Corunna and Saginaw plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Brooklyn and Rome plank road company ;

A bill relating to depositions taken within this state ;

A bill making an appropriation of certain internal improvement lands for making a slack water navigation in the river Huron between the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, and Lake Erie, in the county of Wayne ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads between the village of Eaton Rapids and Michigan ;

A bill to authorize the supervisors of Berrien county to construct and maintain certain bridges in that county ; and

A joint resolution relative to a ship channel on the American side of the straits of Detroit.

I am further instructed to return the bill to authorize Peter M. Kinde

to build a dam across Grand River, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Also to return a bill to incorporate the Portland and Michigan plank road company, which the Senate have passed with an amendment, being a substitute therefor, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to return the bill to amend section five of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, which the Senate have passed with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of the House.

Also to return a bill relative to a repeal of the charter of the village of Ann Arbor, and to inform you that the Senate non-concurred therein.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference appointed by them on the disagreement of the two houses on the bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847, which report and bill is herewith transmitted.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the bill to incorporate the Detroit and Saline plank road company, and that said bill as amended has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to authorize Peter M. Kinde to build a dam across the Grand River, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution relative to a ship channel on the American side of the straits of Detroit, was read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The Senate bill to establish a branch of the university as a state normal school ; and

The Senate bill relative to common schools ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on education.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Corunna and Saginaw plank road company ; and

The Senate bill to incorporate the Brooklyn and Rome plank road company ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Senate bill relating to depositions taken within this state, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for making slack water navigation in the river Huron, from the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to Lake Huron, in the county of Wayne ; and

The Senate bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the road between the village of Eaton Rapids and Michigan ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The Senate bill to authorize the supervisors of Berrien county to construct and maintain certain bridges in that county, was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The Senate amendment to; being a substitute for the bill to incorporate the Portland and Michigan plank road company, was concurred in by a two-thirds vote, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate amendments to the bill to amend section five of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, in relation to the assessment of taxes, was concurred in, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The House adhered to their third and fourth amendments to the bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847.

Mr. Campbell, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Union City, which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Emmons, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to regulate the first township election in the township of Gross Pointe, and for other purposes, which was read twice, when

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The rule was suspended, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time; and

The engrossment having been dispensed with, the bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of all bills on the general order appropriating internal improvement lands, and the bills were made the special order for Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The motion to reconsider the several votes by which the following bills were passed, was taken from the table, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Genesee county plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and Mason plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Pontiac and Lapeer plank road company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Jackson and Michigan plank road company.

And the question being on the motion to reconsider, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of all bills on the general order, incorporating mining companies, and they were taken up and acted on, as follows :

The bill to incorporate the New York and Michigan mining company ;

The bill to incorporate the Algonquin mining company ;

The bill to incorporate the National mining company ; and

The bill to incorporate the Quincy mining company ;

Were severally ordered to be engrossed and read the the third time; and

The bill to incorporate the Bohemian mining company ; and

The bill to incorporate the Albion mining company ;

Were severally ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill to incorporate the Jackson and Michigan plank road company, was taken from the table ; and

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Its further consideration was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill to incorporate the Eaton Rapids plank road company, was taken from the table ; and

It was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Carver, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the improvement of the Monroe and Grand River road, which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31, 1840, was taken from the table, and the question being on concurring in the Senate amendments thereto, they were concurred in by a two-thirds vote.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Southern rail road company, and the substitute therefor, were taken from the table.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the fifth section of the substitute be amended by striking out of the fifth line the words "this act shall be void," and inserting "the said company shall forfeit all the rights, privileges and franchises granted by or acquired under the provisions of this amendatory act," and also to insert in the same line, between the words "company" and "required," the words "shall be," which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following section was inserted in the substitute to stand as section six :

Sec. 6. Upon complaint being made to the Attorney General that the said company have failed to comply with the requirements of this amendatory act, and upon his being satisfied that any such complaint is well founded, the said Attorney General shall forthwith apply to the supreme court for process against the said company, to shew cause why a decree of forfeiture should not be entered against them, and upon the return of any such process duly served upon a director of said company, the said court may proceed in a summary manner to

investigate and adjudicate upon all questions of forfeiture submitted to them, and may enter a final decree as the right of the matter shall appear, for the dismissal of said proceedings or for a forfeiture by said company, of all rights, privileges or franchises granted by or acquired under this amendatory act."

Mr. Clark moved to amend section four by adding thereto the following: "nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to postpone the payment of the interest semi-annually to the state, as in the act to which this is amendatory," which amendment was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The fourth line of section five of the substitute was amended by inserting the words "and annual excess of nett profits," after "dollars."

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The seventh line of section four of the substitute was amended by inserting the words "of principal" after "instalments."

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The substitute was amended by striking out section three and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 3. The annual report required to be made by the directors of said company to the Secretary of State, under the provisions of section thirty of the act hereby amended, shall apply to and include the portion of said road to be constructed west of Hillsdale, equally with the portion thereof between Monroe and Hillsdale, and the annual tax to the state, prescribed and required by section thirty-one of said act hereby amended, shall be paid upon five hundred thousand dollars of purchase money paid, or to be paid to the state, and upon so much of the capital stock paid in as shall be in excess of the said five hundred thousand dollars; and also, upon all sums of money whether arising from the nett proceeds from said road or otherwise, as shall from time to time be invested in any new construction or stocking thereof, whether west or east of Hillsdale; and also, upon all loans made to said company, for the purpose of constructing said rail road, or purchasing, constructing, chartering or hiring of steamboats, authorized by this act, to be held by said company under the act hereby amended, and the tax so required, shall be paid at the times, in the manner, and at the rates specified in said section thirty-one, as the same is hereby amended."

The substitute as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Taylor moved that the bill be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

The amendments were then ordered to be engrossed, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Palmer,
Baldwin,	King,	Patchen,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Powell,
Barlow,	Lane,	Russell,
Brown,	Littlejohn,	Scott,
Burnett,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Campbell,	Mack,	H. H. Stone,
Carver,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,
Crouse,	Morris,	Terry,
Denton,	Mowry,	Turner,
Dodge,	Mulhollen,	Vickery,
Ferris,	Murray,	Warren,
Granger,	Noyes,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Howard,	Mr. Smith,
Clark,	McKinney,	Spencer,
Dennis,	Pierce,	Taylor,
Eldredge,	Quackenboss,	Voorheis,
Frazer,		

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The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 23, 1838. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road in the counties of Livingston and Genesee;

An act to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, through Bellevue and Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, to Michigan, in the county of Ingham ; and

An act to amend an act to incorporate the village of Grand Rapids, approved April 5th, 1838.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

Mr. Campbell, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Union City plank road company, which was

read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The bill to authorize Betsey Hitchcock and Milton R. Moore to convey certain real estate ; and

The bill to authorize Harriet Wolcott and Isaac B. Hathaway, to convey certain real estate ;

Were taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The bill to extend certain provisions of chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes to patents and other conveyances, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, of Pittsburgh, was read the third time, when

Mr. Mack moved a call of the House, which was had, and it was found that Messrs. Denton, Dodge, Emmons, Frazer, Hazard, Hazen, Lawrence and Murray, were absent without leave.

Mr. Campbell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Lawrence.

Mr. Bennett for Mr. Hazen.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The Sergeant-at-arms was despatched after the absentees.

After a short time, the Sergeant-at-arms returned and reported that the absentees were all present except Mr. Hazard.

Mr. Kingsley moved that all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, which motion was lost.

Mr. Taylor moved that the absentees have leave to tender their excuses, which motion prevailed, and

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, was then passed by a two-thirds vote.

The following entitled bills were severally read the third time and each passed by a two-thirds vote, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Dexter and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Brest and Ypsilanti plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Albion mining company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Bohemian mining company.

The bill to establish a state road from the village of Mason to Okemos, in the county of Ingham, was read the third time and passed, and

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

The title of the bill was amended by striking out the words " from the village of Mason to Okemos."

Mr. Campbell moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Union City plank road company, which motion prevailed ; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The rules were suspended, and the engrossment having been dispensed with,

The bill was read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 23, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return to the House the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein :

A bill to incorporate the Romeo and Lapeer plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Saline plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Sterling plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Clinton and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Rochester and Royal Oak plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Utica plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Monroe plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Bean Creek plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Erie plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Owasso and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Lapeer and Pontiac plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Tecumseh and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Erie plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and White Pigeon plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Black Lake plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Grand River plank road company ; and

A bill to regulate the first township election in the township of Grosse Point, and for other purposes.

I am further instructed to transmit herewith the following bill, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked :

A bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Michigan plank road company.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bills returned from the Senate with the foregoing communication, were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Michigan plank road company, was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to amend an act to extend Fort street, in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from Detroit to Dearbornville, approved March 22, 1837, and ordered it to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill repealing sections six, seven and eight, of chapter one hundred and fourteen, of title twenty-four of the revised statutes, was

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

The bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company, was,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to single senatorial and representative districts, was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company, was ordered to be read the third time.

The bill for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanic arts, was,

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee, on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to regulate the first township election in the township of Grosse Point, and for other purposes, was correctly enrolled and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee reported that the following entitled bills were correctly engrossed, viz :

The bill to incorporate the National mining company ;

The bill to incorporate the Algonquin mining company ;

The bill to incorporate the New York and Michigan mining company ; and

The bill to incorporate the Quincy mining company.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the special order, being the bill to exempt a homestead from forced sale in certain cases, Mr. Littlejohn in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported the bill back with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

The amendment reported by the committee was non-concurred in.

Mr. Noyes moved that section four of the bill be amended by striking out of the fourth and fifth lines, the words "on the execution, and collected thereupon," and inserting "to and paid by the plaintiff in the execution," which amendment was rejected.

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the first section by striking out of the eighth and ninth lines, the words "third day of July, A. D. 1848," and inserting "second day of February, A. D., 1849," which motion was lost by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Campbell,
Carver,
Clark,
Crouse,
Eldredge,
Kingsley,
Lane,

Mr. Mack,
McKinney,
Murray,
Patchen,
Pierce,
Powell,
Smith,

Mr. Spencer,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Warren,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,
Blades,
Burnett,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Frazer,

Mr. Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,
Howard,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,

Mr. Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Scott,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Worden,

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Mr. Powell moved that the following proviso be added to section one, which motion was lost, viz :

"Provided, that the same shall be described by metes and bounds, and the said description be recorded in the office of the register in the county in which the said homestead is situate, before the same shall be exempted from sale on execution."

Mr. Lothrop moved that the bill be laid on the table, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Crouse moved to commit the bill to the committee on the judiciary, with instructions to so amend the bill so as to provide for the abolition of all laws now in force in this state, which provide for the collection of debts founded on contract expressed or implied, which law might operate on debts contracted after the third day of July next; also to provide for the discontinuance of all courts and officers in this state, which have their existence for the purpose of assisting that unfortunate class of individuals called creditors, in obtaining their just and natural rights. Also with instructions to report to this House a

joint resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use all honorable means in their power, to procure the passage of a law abolishing the United States court in and for the district of Michigan ;

Which motion was decided in the negative.

The bill was then ordered to be read the third time, by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Mulhollen,
Baldwin,	Granger,	Pierce,
Barlow,	Harris,	Russell,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Smith,
Blades,	Howard,	H. H. Stone,
Burnett,	Kingsley,	Strong,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Taylor,
Carver,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,
Dennis,	W. R. Martin,	Vickery,
Dodge,	Mathews,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	McKinney,	Worden,
Ferris,	Morris,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Clark,	Mr. Lane,	Mr. Scott,
Crouse,	Mack,	Spencer,
Denton,	Mowry,	H. Stone,
Eldredge,	Noyes,	Warren,
King,		

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On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The twenty-first rule was suspended.

Mr. Mack moved a call of the House, which was not ordered.

Mr. Scott moved that the bill be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

The bill was then read the third time, when

Mr. Eldredge moved the previous question, which was demanded by a majority of the House.

And the main question was now ordered to be put.

The main question being on the passage of the bill to exempt a homestead from forced sale in certain cases, was then put, and the bill was passed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Palmer,
Baldwin,	Harris,	Pierce,

Barlow,
Behnett,
Blades,
Campbell,
Carver,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Frazer,

Howard,
Kingsley,
Littlejohn,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,

Russell,
Smith,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Worden,
Speaker, 33

NAYS.

Mr. Burnett,
Clark,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Eldredge,
Hazard,

Mr. King,
Lane,
Mack,
Morris,
Noyes,
Patchen,

Mr. Quackenboos,
Scott,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Terry,
Warren,

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Mr. Emmons moved that the last vote be reconsidered.

Mr. Terry moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, which motion was lost, and

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was decided in the negative.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Terry in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company ; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood swamp turnpike company, approved March 9, 1844, and the act to amend said act, approved March 24, 1845 ; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to provide for laying out, opening and improving the Vermontville and Benton state road ;

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Fentonville, in Genesee county, to Springfield in Oakland county ; and

A bill to change the name of the first Presbyterian society of the village of Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the

three last named bills, were concurred in, and the bills were severally ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood swamp turnpike company, approved March 9, 1844, and the act to amend said act, approved March 24, 1845, was ordered to be read the third time.

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company, was,

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Amended by striking out section sixteen, and inserting the following:

Section 16. Strike out section twenty-five, and insert the following in lieu thereof: Sec. 25. The legislature may at any time alter, amend or repeal the charter of said company, after twenty years from the passage of this act, or at any time for a violation of their charter."

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The following was added to section fifteen of the bill: "and insert the following in lieu thereof: and any inhabitant of this state shall have a lien upon all the personal property of said company, for all dues or demands against said company, to the amount of one hundred dollars, originally contracted within this state, which after the lien of the state, shall take the precedence of all other debts or demands, judgments or decrees, liens or mortgages against said company."

The bill was then ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The House adjourned.

Friday, March 24, 1846.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Dimond, Enos, Lawrence, Patterson, St. John, Williams and Young were absent on leave, and Messrs. Brown and Scott were absent without leave.

Mr. Ferris asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Brown, for an indefinite period.

Mr. Emmons for Mr. Scott as above.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Mathews presented the petition of James Egbert and twenty-five others, for the removal from office of the judge of probate of the county of Ingham, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Emmons presented the petition of one hundred and twenty shippers, forwarding merchants, ship owners and seamen, of the city of Detroit, for the passage of the bill to incorporate the the Mariners' Church, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Campbell presented the claim of Charles L. Bird and Joseph A. Kent, which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Dennis presented the petition of John Cadman and others, of the townships of Adrian and Madison, praying for the organization of a union school district in said township; and

The petition of J. T. Howland and others, of school district number four, in the the township of Adrian, for the passage of a law establishing the site for a school house in said district.

Which petitions were referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Warren presented two remonstrances of citizens of this state, against the passage of an act incorporating the Oakland and Genesee rail road company.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to authorize the supervisors of Berrien county to construct and maintain certain bridges in that county.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Voorheis, from the same committee, reported a bill to authorize Stephen V. Kinney to build a dam across Grand River.

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Murray, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to improve a certain road in the county of Hillsdale.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The bill was placed on the special order for Saturday.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back with sundry amendments, the bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ontario transportation company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the amendments reported by the committee were concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Lothrop, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Michigan plank road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Lothrop, from the same committee, reported back with amendments, the bill to incorporate the Michigan mining company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the amendments reported concurred in by the House; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back without amendment,

The Senate bill to incorporate the Brooklyn and Rome plank road company; and

The Senate bill to incorporate the Corunna and Saginaw plank road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bills were ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Pierce, from the same committee, reported back with amendment, the Senate bill to authorize the corporation of the village of Adrian to borrow money for the purposes therein mentioned.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, the Senate joint resolution authorizing the Auditor General to discharge certain mortgages.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 23, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

The bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Green Bay to Lake Superior, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses thereof ;

A bill incorporating the Lac la Belle mining company ;

A bill to incorporate the Union Church, of Flushing ;

A bill to incorporate the Washtenaw woolen manufacturing company, in the county of Washtenaw ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Mt. Clemens plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Medora mining company ;

A bill to amend section one hundred and thirty-four, chapter ninety, title twenty-one of the revised statutes ;

A bill authorizing the district board of school district number eleven in the township of Coldwater, county of Branch, to borrow a certain sum of money ; and

A joint resolution relative to the sale of the mineral lands by the general government, in the upper peninsula of Michigan.

I am further instructed to return the following bills, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Monroe manufacturing company, in the county of Monroe ;

A bill to incorporate the North American mining company, of Detroit ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Eagle Harbor mining company.

I am further instructed to return the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Union City plank road company ;

A bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the construction of a free bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac ; and

A bill to incorporate the Howell Academy.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the bill to authorize Lois Young to sell certain real estate, with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Also, that the Senate have given their unanimous consent to amend the bill by striking out "two" and inserting "five" before the word "south" in the eighth line of section one, and respectfully ask a like consent on the part of the House.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute ;

The bill to incorporate the Adrian and Union City plank road company ;

The bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent ;

The bill to incorporate the Howell Academy ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the construction of a free bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac,

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill incorporating the Lac la Belle mining company ;

The Senate bill to incorporate the Washtenaw woolen manufacturing company, in the county of Washtenaw ;

The Senate bill to incorporate the Detroit and Mt. Clemens plank road company ;

The Senate bill to incorporate the Medora mining company ; and

The Senate bill to incorporate the Union Church, of Flushing ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Senate bill to amend section one hundred and thirty-four, of chapter ninety of title twenty-one of the revised statutes; and

The Senate bill authorizing the district board of school district number eleven, in the township of Coldwater, in the county of Branch to borrow a certain sum of money;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committees on the judiciary.

The Senate bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Green Bay to Lake Superior, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses thereof, was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the sale of the mineral land, by the general government in the upper peninsula of Michigan, was read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The Senate amendments to the bill to incorporate the Eagle Harbor mining company, were non-concurred in.

The Senate amendment to the bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company, and

To the bill to incorporate the North American mining company, of Detroit,

Were each concurred in by a two-thirds vote, and the bills were ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The vote by which the House refused to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill to incorporate the Eagle Harbor mining company, was reconsidered, and

The amendments were then concurred in by a two-thirds vote, and the bill was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate amendments to the bill to incorporate the Monroe manufacturing company, in the county of Monroe, were concurred in by a two-thirds vote, and the bill was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill to authorize Lois Young to sell certain real estate, was concurred in, and the unanimous consent of the House was given to strike out of the eighth line of section one the word "two" and insert "five."

Mr. Vickery, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to amend chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, which was read

twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor manufacturing company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City rail road company, was taken from the table ; and

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. Littlejohn moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Barlow, Hazard and Russell were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The bill was then passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pierce,
Baldwin,	Howard,	Powell,
Barlow,	King,	Quackenboss,
Bennett,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Bingham,	Lane,	Scott,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Smith,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	Spencer,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Carver,	Mack,	H. H. Stone,
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	Strong,
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Taylor,
Dennis,	Mathews,	Terry,
Denton,	Mowty,	Vickery,
Eldredge,	Mulhollen,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Noyes,	Warren,
Ferris,	Palmer,	Worden,
Frazer,	Patchen,	Speaker,
Granger,		

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Mr. Dodge,	Mr. McKinney,	Mr. Turner,
Hazen,	Morris,	

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Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Portland and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Erie plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the village of Mackinac ;

A bill to authorize Peter M. Kinde to build a dam across the Grand River ;

A bill to incorporate the Romeo and Lapeer plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Bean Creek plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Owasso and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Sterling plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Saline plank road company ;
and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31st, 1840.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to incorporate the Eaton Rapids plank road company ;

The bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Michigan plank road company ;

The bill to establish a state road from the village of Fentonville, in Genesee county, to Springfield, in Oakland county ;

The bill to lay out, establish and improve the Benton and Vermontville state road, in the county of Eaton ;

The bill to amend an act to extend Fort street, in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from Detroit river to Dearbornville, approved March 22, 1837 ;

The bill to change the name of the first Presbyterian Society, of the village of Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw ;

House substitute for the Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Southern rail road company ; and

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to single senatorial and representative districts.

The following entitled bills were severally read the third time, and each passed by a two-thirds vote, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Brooklyn and Rome plank road company;
A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company ;

A bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Algonquin mining company ;

A bill to incorporate the Eaton Rapids plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the New York and Michigan mining company, of Detroit, Michigan ;

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the National mining company ;

A bill to incorporate the Quincy mining company ;

A bill to incorporate the Corunna and Saginaw plank road company ; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood swamp turnpike company, approved March 9, 1844, and the act to amend said act, approved March 24, 1845.

The following bills were severally read the third time and passed, viz :

A bill to lay out, establish and improve the Benton and Vermontville state road, in the county of Eaton ;

A bill to amend an act to extend Fort street, in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from Detroit to Dearbornville, approved March 22, 1837 ; and

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Fentonville, in Genesee county, to Springfield, in Oakland county.

The bill to change the name of the first Presbyterian Society, of the village of Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw, was read the third time and passed ; and

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The title of the bill was amended so as to read "a bill to change the names of certain religious societies."

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to single senatorial and representative districts, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, it was decided in the negative by the following vote, a majority of all the members elected not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Carver,
Denton,
Eldredge,
Granger,
Hazard,
Howard,

Mr. Kingsley,
Lane,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Mowry,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patchen,

Mr. Pierce,
Powell,
Smith,
Spencer,
Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Speaker, 33

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Mr. Bennett,
Blades,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Dodge,
Emmons,

Mr. Ferris,
Frazer,
Harris,
King,
Littlejohn,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,

Mr. Mulhollen,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Scott,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone, 20

Mr. Emmons moved a reconsideration of the last vote.

Mr. Eldredge moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, which motion was lost; and

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, by unanimous consent, reported back without amendment, the bill incorporating the Lac la Belle mining company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The twenty-first rule was suspended.

The bill was read the third time, when

Mr. Littlejohn moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Baldwin, Bingham, Campbell, Morris, Mowry and Scott, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The Sergeant-at-arms was despatched after the absentees.

Several of the absentees having returned,

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

And the bill incorporating the Lac la Belle mining company, was passed by a two-thirds vote.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Southern rail road company, was read the third time, when

The Speaker called Mr. Vickery to the chair.

Mr. Littlejohn, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the bill by adding the following proviso to section four :

"Provided, that for all portions of said rail road to be constructed west of Hillsdale, the said company shall first secure to and vest in said Michigan Southern rail road company, by gift, purchase or assessment of damages, in the manner and with the effect prescribed and provided by the act to which this act is amendatory," which proviso was adopted.

The question then being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. Powell moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Kingsley, Pierce and the Speaker, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with, and

The Speaker having resumed the chair,

The bill was passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Murray,
Baldwin,	Howard,	Noyes,
Barlow,	King,	Palmer,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Patchen,
Blades,	Lane,	Powell,
Brown,	Lawrence,	Russell,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Scott,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Denton,	Mack,	H. H. Stone,
Dodge,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,
Emmons,	W. R. Martin,	Voorheis,
Ferrie,	Mathews,	Warren,
Granger,	Morris,	Worden,
Harris,	Mowry,	Speaker,
Hazard,	Mulhollen,	

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Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Strong,
Carver,	McKinney,	Taylor,
Clerk,	Quackenboss,	Turner,
Dennis,	Smith,	Vickery,
Eldredge,	Spencer,	

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On motion of Mr. Bingham,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, March 25, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Dimond, Enos, Patterson, St. John, Williams and Young, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Brown, Lawrence and Taylor, were absent without leave.

Mr. Campbell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Brown for an indefinite period.

Mr. W. R. Martin for Mr. Taylor, as above.

Mr. Kingsley for Mr. Lawrence, as above.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Quackenboss, from the committee on education, reported back without action, the Senate bill to establish a branch of the university of Michigan as a state normal school.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment and recommended that it do not pass, the Senate bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without amendment the following entitled bills, viz :

A bill for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, to the village of Allegan, in Allegan county ;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Barry ;
and

A bill to provide for opening and improving the road leading from the south line of the township of Mayfield, on the Flint river, to the Holland Colony, in the county of Tuscola, and for building a bridge across the Cass river at or near Hurd's mill, so called.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills placed on the special order for the day.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back with an amendment, the bill to provide for the improvement of the Monroe and Grand River road.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill placed on the special order for the day.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for making slack water navigation on the river Huron, from the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to Lake Erie, in the county of Wayne.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill placed on the special order for the day.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back with sundry amendments, the Senate bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Albion to Eaton Rapids, and to make an appropriation for opening and improving the same; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the road between the village of Eaton Rapids and Michigan.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bills were placed on the special order for the day.

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 24, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to regulate the first township election in the township of Grosse Point, in the county of Wayne, and for other purposes,

EPAPRHO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 25, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit the following joint resolutions, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked :

Joint resolution relative to the Lake Michigan and Pacific rail road ;
and

Joint resolution relative to the claim of the Attorney General.

I am further instructed to return the bill to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Douglass Houghton mining company, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Also, to return the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road, in the county of Eaton ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company ;

A bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839 ;

A bill to authorize certain persons to convey lands in the county of Allegan.

Also, to return joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am further instructed to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the bill to incorporate the Brest and Ypsilanti plank road company ; and

The bill to incorporate the Dexter and Michigan plank road company ; and that said bills as amended have been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road, in the county of Eaton ;

The bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company ;

The bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839 ; and

The bill to authorize certain persons to convey lands in the county of Allegan ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of the Attorney General, was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

The Senate joint resolution in relation to the Lake Michigan and Pacific rail road, was read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The Senate amendments to the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to certain public officers, which amendments insert the words "and for one year thereafter," after "elected," in the ninth line, and adds to the end of the first resolution, the words and "the said judges are prohibited from receiving any fees of office or other compensation than their salaries, for any civil duties performed by them," were concurred in by the following vote, a majority of all the members elected voting therefor :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. McKinney,
Baldwin,	Ferris,	Murray,
Barlow,	Frazer,	Palmer,
Bennett,	Granger,	Patchen,
Bingham,	Harris,	Powell,
Blades,	Hazard,	Smith,
Burnett,	Hazen,	Spencer,
Carver,	Howard,	Strong,
Clark,	Kingsley,	Turner,
Crouse,	Lane,	Vickery,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Worden,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Speaker,
Dodge,	Mathews,	

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Mr. Emmons,	Mr. Mack,	Mr. Mulhollen,
King,	Morris,	H. Stone,
Littlejohn,	Mowry,	

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The joint resolution was then ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate amendments to the bill to incorporate the Douglass Houghton mining company, and to

The bill to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company ;

Were severally concurred in by a two-thirds vote, and the bills were ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment, and recommended that it do not pass, the Senate bill to incorporate the Union Church, of Flushing.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lothrop, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the Medora mining company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ontario transportation company ; and

The bill to incorporate the Michigan mining company.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

✓ A bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the construction of a free bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac ;

A bill to incorporate the Clinton and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Tecumseh and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Utica plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Lapeer and Pontiac plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Erie plank road company ;

and

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and White Pigeon plank road company.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill relating to depositions taken within this state.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported

back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Green Bay to Lake Superior, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses thereof.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

Resolved, That the committee on public lands take into consideration the propriety of authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain lands belonging to the state in Jackson county, and report as soon as consistent thereon.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, was taken from the table ; and

The question being on concurring in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Ingham, was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on roads and bridges.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The joint resolution relative to costs before the board of state auditors, was taken from the table, and

It was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The vote by which the bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company was passed, was reconsidered, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations, with certain instructions.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following bills were taken from the table, viz :

A bill to amend chapter ninety-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to county courts ;

A bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts and for other purposes ; and

A bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts in certain cases ;
and

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The three last named bills, together with the bill to define and regulate the powers and jurisdiction of circuit and county courts in civil and criminal actions and in the foreclosure of mortgages, were made the special order for Monday next.

Mr. Mack moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Barlow, King, Lothrop, W. R. Martin, Murray, Patchen and Pierce, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched after the absentees.

Several of the absentees having returned,

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend section one hundred and thirty-four of chapter ninety of title twenty-one of the revised statutes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

The following entitled bills were severally read the third time, and each passed by a two-thirds vote, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Michigan mining company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Medora mining company.

The bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ontario transportation company, was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Laid on the table.

The following bills were severally read the third time and passed, viz :

A bill relating to depositions taken within this state ;

A bill to amend section one hundred and thirty-four of chapter ninety of title twenty-one of the revised statutes ; and

A joint resolution relative to costs before the board of state auditors.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back with an amendment, the bill to incorporate the Washtenaw woolen manufacturing company, in the county of Washtenaw.

Which report was accepted the committee discharged, and the amendment reported was concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to be read the third time, and was read the third time, when

Mr. Mack, by unanimous consent, moved to strike out "fifty" in the fifth line of section one, and insert "thirty," which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Burnett, by unanimous consent, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Jackson, relative to the claim of Benjamin Porter, which was referred to a select committee of three.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the special order, Mr Murray in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads in the county of Branch ;

A bill to improve the main road from Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to Michigan, in Ingham county ,

A bill to aid in the construction of certain bridges in the county of Kent ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road between Fentonville and Springfield ;

A bill to authorize the board of auditors of Wayne county to repair or rebuild the two draw bridges over the river Rouge, the one in the township of Greenfield and the other in the township of Springwells, in said county ;

A bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kalamazoo to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at the village of Kalamazoo, and for other purposes ;

A bill to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Corunna, in the county of Shiawassee ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands to construct roads and bridges, or for draining swamps and marshes in Calhoun county ; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river ;

A bill to provide for the improvement of the Marshall and Charlotte road ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for draining a certain marsh ;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Oakland ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the state road from Constantine, in St. Joseph county, to Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, through Cossopolis, in Cass county.

The amendments reported to all the bills except the one last named, were concurred in.

And the amendment to the last named bill was non-concurred in, and it was ordered to be read the third time.

The following entitled bills were severally ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, viz :

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river ;

A bill to provide for the improvement of the Marshall and Charlotte road ;

A bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for draining a certain marsh ;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Oakland ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road between Fentonville and Springfield ; and

A bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne, to repair or rebuild the two draw bridges over the river Rouge, the one in the township of Greenfield, and the other in the township of Springwells, in said county.

Mr. Denton moved to amend the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands to construct roads and bridges or for draining swamps and marshes in Calhoun county, by striking out the word "five," be

fore "thousand," in the third line of section one, and inserting "three," which motion was lost, and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The following entitled bills were severally ordered to be read the third time, viz :

A bill to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road, from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Corunna, in the county of Shiawassee ;

A bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kalamazoo to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at the village of Kalamazoo, and for other purposes ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads in the county of Branch ; and

A bill to aid in the construction of certain bridges in the county of Kent.

Mr. Scott moved to amend the bill to provide for the improvement of the main road from Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to Michigan, in Ingham county, by striking out the word "ten" in the second line of section one, and inserting "five," which motion was lost, and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendments to the bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company, was reconsidered, when

Mr. Emmons moved to amend the Senate amendments by striking out the words "shall annually on the first Monday of June," and inserting "may whenever they deem proper," which motion prevailed, and the Senate amendments as amended were concurred in by a two-thirds vote.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 25, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to return to the House the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company, and to

inform you that the Senate have concurred in the amendments of the House, with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate amendment to the House amendments to the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company, was concurred in by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back with an amendment, the bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Ingham.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the amendment reported by the committee was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following proviso was added to section two: "Provided, that at the time of the construction of said dam, there shall be constructed therein or thereat, a convenient shute or slide for the passage of all craft navigating said river."

The first amendment reported by the committee of the whole to the bill was then concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Carver,
Clark,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,

Mr. Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Mulhollen,
Murray,
Noyes,

Mr. Patchen,
Powell,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Worden,
Speaker,

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Mr. Burnett,
Eldredge,

Mr. Lane,

Mr. Scott,

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The remainder of the amendments were concurred in, and they were ordered to be engrossed, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged; and

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed by a two-thirds vote.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Littlejohn in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back without amendment,

A bill for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, to the village of Allegan, in Allegan county;

A bill to improve a certain road in the county of Hilldale;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road from Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Byron, in the county of Shiawassee;

A bill for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a certain road, in the county of Ingham; and

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Albion to Eaton Rapids, and to make an appropriation for opening and improving the same; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road from Mason, in the county of Ingham, to Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw;

A bill to provide for the improvement of the Monroe and Grand River road;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Barry;

A bill to provide for opening and improving the road leading from the south line of the township of Mayfield, on the Flint river, to the Holland Colony, in the county of Tuscola, and for building a bridge across the Cass river, at or near Hurd's mill, so called;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for making slack water navigation in the river Huron from the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to Lake Erie, in the county of Wayne; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the road between the village of Eaton Rapids and Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The House adjourned.

Monday, March 27, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Brown, Dimond, Enos, Patterson, St. John, Taylor, Williams and Young were absent on leave, and Messrs. Mulhollen and Scott were absent without leave.

Mr. Russell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Mulhollen for an indefinite period.

Mr. Emmons for Mr. Scott as above.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Burnett, Littlejohn and Mowry, as the select committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Jackson, relative to the claim of Benjamin Porter.

Mr. Lawrence presented the claim of Rawson, Dunklee & Co., which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. H. Stone, presented the petition of fifty-three inhabitants of the county of Monroe, for the repeal of the law for draining marshes, which was referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of the Attorney General.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without action, the petition of citizens of Shiawassee county, in

relation to a state road from Mason, in Ingham county, to Owasso, in Shiawassee county.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill authorizing the district board of school district number eleven, in the township of Coldwater, in the county of Branch, to borrow a certain sum of money.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported additional amendments to the revised statutes, which were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported back the Senate bill granting to religious denominations of professing christians suitable grounds in the town of Michigan, owned by the state, whereon to erect houses of public worship, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill and substitute, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, from the same committee, reported back without action, the petition of the officers of school district number four in the township of Lansing, for the grant of a lot of land in the town of Michigan, whereon to erect a school house.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Quackenboss, from the committee on education, reported back without action, the Senate bill relative to common schools.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, March 25, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

✓ An act to incorporate the Leoni theological institute ;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31, 1840 ;

An act to authorize Peter M. Kinde to build a dam across Grand River ; and

An act to incorporate the village of Mackinac.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 25, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

t A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids, approved February 20, 1847, and the act amendatory thereto, approved January 29, 1848 ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Adrian insurance company ; and

A bill to authorize the county of Ingham to borrow a certain sum of money.

Also to return the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the Pontiac and Grand River state road from the village of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, to the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee ;

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Union City plank road company ;

A bill providing for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands on the state road leading from Lexington, in the county of St. Clair to Rogers' mills, in Lapeer county ; and

A bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships in in the county of Kalamazoo.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill providing for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands on the state road leading from Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to Rogers' mills, in Lapeer county ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the Pontiac and Grand River state road from the village of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, to the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee ;

The bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships in the county of Kalamazoo ; and

The bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Union City plank road company,

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the Rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids, approved February 20th, 1847, and the act amendatory thereto, approved January 29, 1848, was read twice, when

Mr. Harris moved a suspension of the rules, which motion prevailed and the bill was ordered to be read the third time ; and

It was read the third time and passed.

The Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Adrian insurance company, was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Senate bill to authorize the county of Ingham to borrow a certain sum of money, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Speaker announced the following communication :

STATE LAND OFFICE,
Marshall, March 23, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR—In compliance with the resolution of your body asking for a list of all the internal improvement lands in the lower peninsula remaining unsold, and not by law withheld from entry and sale, I have the honor to present the accompanying schedule.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ABIEL SILVER,

Commissioner.

I am further instructed to return the bill to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Douglass Houghton mining company, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Also, to return the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road, in the county of Eaton ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company ;

A bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839 ;

A bill to authorize certain persons to convey lands in the county of Allegan.

Also, to return joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am further instructed to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the bill to incorporate the Brest and Ypsilanti plank road company ; and

The bill to incorporate the Dexter and Michigan plank road company ; and that said bills as amended have been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road, in the county of Eaton ;

The bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company ;

The bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839 ; and

The bill to authorize certain persons to convey lands in the county of Allegan ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of the Attorney General, was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

The Senate joint resolution in relation to the Lake Michigan and Pacific rail road, was read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The Senate amendments to the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to certain public officers, which amendments insert the words "and for one year thereafter," after "elected," in the ninth line, and adds to the end of the first resolution, the words and "the said judges are prohibited from receiving any fees of office or other compensation than their salaries, for any civil duties performed by them," were concurred in by the following vote, a majority of all the members elected voting therefor :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. McKinney,
Baldwin,	Ferris,	Murray,
Barlow,	Frazer,	Palmer,
Bennett,	Granger,	Patchen,
Bingham,	Harris,	Powell,
Blades,	Hazard,	Smith,
Burnett,	Hazen,	Spencer,
Carver,	Howard,	Strong,
Clark,	Kingsley,	Turner,
Crouse,	Lane,	Vickery,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Worden,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Speaker,
Dodge,	Mathews,	

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Mr. Emmons,	Mr. Mack,	Mr. Mulhollen,
King,	Morris,	H. Stone,
Littlejohn,	Mowry,	

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The joint resolution was then ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate amendments to the bill to incorporate the Douglass Houghton mining company, and to

The bill to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company ;

Were severally concurred in by a two-thirds vote, and the bills were ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment, and recommended that it do not pass, the Senate bill to incorporate the Union Church, of Flushing.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lothrop, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the Medora mining company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ontario transportation company ; and

The bill to incorporate the Michigan mining company.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

✓ A bill to incorporate the Leoni theological institute ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the construction of a free bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac ;

A bill to incorporate the Clinton and Bad River plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Tecumseh and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Utica plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Lapeer and Pontiac plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Monroe and Erie plank road company ;
and

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and White Pigeon plank road company.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill relating to depositions taken within this state.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported

back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Green Bay to Lake Superior, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses thereof.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

Resolved, That the committee on public lands take into consideration the propriety of authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain lands belonging to the state in Jackson county, and report as soon as consistent thereon.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, was taken from the table ; and

The question being on concurring in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Ingham, was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on roads and bridges.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The joint resolution relative to costs before the board of state auditors, was taken from the table, and

It was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The vote by which the bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company was passed, was reconsidered, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations, with certain instructions.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following bills were taken from the table, viz :

A bill to amend chapter ninety-two of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to county courts ;

A bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts and for other purposes ; and

A bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts in certain cases ;
and

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The three last named bills, together with the bill to define and regulate the powers and jurisdiction of circuit and county courts in civil and criminal actions and in the foreclosure of mortgages, were made the special order for Monday next.

Mr. Mack moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Barlow, King, Lothrop, W. R. Martin, Murray, Patchen and Pierce, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched after the absentees.

Several of the absentees having returned,

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend section one hundred and thirty-four of chapter ninety of title twenty-one of the revised statutes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

The following entitled bills were severally read the third time, and each passed by a two-thirds vote, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Michigan mining company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Medora mining company.

The bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ontario transportation company, was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Laid on the table.

The following bills were severally read the third time and passed,
viz :

A bill relating to depositions taken within this state ;

A bill to amend section one hundred and thirty-four of chapter ninety of title twenty-one of the revised statutes ; and

A joint resolution relative to costs before the board of state auditors.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back with an amendment, the bill to incorporate the Washtenaw woolen manufacturing company, in the county of Washtenaw.

Which report was accepted the committee discharged, and the amendment reported was concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to be read the third time, and was read the third time, when

Mr. Mack, by unanimous consent, moved to strike out "fifty" in the fifth line of section one, and insert "thirty," which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Burnett, by unanimous consent, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Jackson, relative to the claim of Benjamin Porter, which was referred to a select committee of three.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the special order, Mr Murray in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads in the county of Branch ;

A bill to improve the main road from Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to Michigan, in Ingham county ,

A bill to aid in the construction of certain bridges in the county of Kent ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road between Fentonville and Springfield ;

A bill to authorize the board of auditors of Wayne county to repair or rebuild the two draw bridges over the river Rouge, the one in the township of Greenfield and the other in the township of Springwells, in said county ;

A bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kalamazoo, to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at the village of Kalamazoo, and for other purposes ;

A bill to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Corunna, in the county of Shiawamee ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands to construct roads and bridges, or for draining swamps and marshes in Calhoun county ; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river ;

A bill to provide for the improvement of the Marshall and Charlotte road ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for draining a certain marsh ;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Oakland ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the state road from Constantine, in St. Joseph county, to Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, through Cossopolis, in Cass county.

The amendments reported to all the bills except the one last named, were concurred in.

And the amendment to the last named bill was non-concurred in, and it was ordered to be read the third time.

The following entitled bills were severally ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, viz :

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river ;

A bill to provide for the improvement of the Marshall and Charlotte road ;

A bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands for draining a certain marsh ;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Oakland ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road between Fentonville and Springfield ; and

A bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne, to repair or rebuild the two draw bridges over the river Rouge, the one in the township of Greenfield, and the other in the township of Springwells, in said county.

Mr. Denton moved to amend the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands to construct roads and bridges or for draining swamps and marshes in Calhoun county, by striking out the word "five," be

fore "thousand," in the third line of section one, and inserting "three," which motion was lost, and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The following entitled bills were severally ordered to be read the third time, viz :

A bill to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road, from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Corunna, in the county of Shiawassee ;

A bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kalamazoo to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at the village of Kalamazoo, and for other purposes ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads in the county of Branch ; and

A bill to aid in the construction of certain bridges in the county of Kent.

Mr. Scott moved to amend the bill to provide for the improvement of the main road from Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to Michigan, in Ingham county, by striking out the word "ten" in the second line of section one, and inserting "five," which motion was lost, and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendments to the bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company, was reconsidered, when

Mr. Emmons moved to amend the Senate amendments by striking out the words "shall annually on the first Monday of June," and inserting "may whenever they deem proper," which motion prevailed, and the Senate amendments as amended were concurred in by a two-thirds vote.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 25, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to return to the House the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company, and to

inform you that the Senate have concurred in the amendments of the House, with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate amendment to the House amendments to the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee rail road company, was concurred in by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back with an amendment, the bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Ingham.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the amendment reported by the committee was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following proviso was added to section two : " Provided, that at the time of the construction of said dam, there shall be constructed therein or thereat, a convenient shute or alide for the passage of all craft navigating said river."

The first amendment reported by the committee of the whole to the bill was then concurred in by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Howard,	Mr. Patchen,
Bennett,	King,	Powell,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Quackenboss,
Carver,	Littlejohn,	Russell,
Clark,	Lothrop,	Smith,
Crouse,	Mack,	Spencer,
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	H. Stone,
Dodge,	Mathews,	Strong,
Emmons,	McKinney,	Turner,
Ferris,	Morris,	Vickery,
Frazer,	Mowry,	Voorheis,
Granger,	Mulhollen,	Worden,
Harris,	Murray,	Speaker,
Hazard,	Noyes,	

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Mr. Burnett,	Mr. Lane,	Mr. Scott,
Eldredge,		

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The remainder of the amendments were concurred in, and they were ordered to be engrossed, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged; and

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed by a two-thirds vote.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Littlejohn in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back without amendment,

A bill for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, to the village of Allegan, in Allegan county;

A bill to improve a certain road in the county of Hillsdale;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road from Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Byron, in the county of Shiawassee;

A bill for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a certain road, in the county of Ingham; and

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Albion to Eaton Rapids, and to make an appropriation for opening and improving the same; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road from Mason, in the county of Ingham, to Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw;

A bill to provide for the improvement of the Monroe and Grand River road;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Barry;

A bill to provide for opening and improving the road leading from the south line of the township of Mayfield, on the Flint river, to the Holland Colony, in the county of Tuscola, and for building a bridge across the Cass river, at or near Hurd's mill, so called;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for making slack water navigation in the river Huron from the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to Lake Erie, in the county of Wayne; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the road between the village of Eaton Rapids and Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The House adjourned.

Monday, March 27, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Brown, Dimond, Enos, Patterson, St. John, Taylor, Williams and Young were absent on leave, and Messrs. Mulhollen and Scott were absent without leave.

Mr. Russell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Mulhollen for an indefinite period.

Mr. Emmons for Mr. Scott as above.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Burnett, Littlejohn and Mowry, as the select committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Jackson, relative to the claim of Benjamin Porter.

Mr. Lawrence presented the claim of Rawson, Duncklee & Co., which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. H. Stone, presented the petition of fifty-three inhabitants of the county of Monroe, for the repeal of the law for draining marshes, which was referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of the Attorney General.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without action, the petition of citizens of Shiawassee county, in

relation to a state road from Mason, in Ingham county, to Owasso, in Shiawassee county.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill authorizing the district board of school district number eleven, in the township of Coldwater, in the county of Branch, to borrow a certain sum of money.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported additional amendments to the revised statutes, which were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee on public lands, reported back the Senate bill granting to religious denominations of professing christians suitable grounds in the town of Michigan, owned by the state, whereon to erect houses of public worship, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill and substitute, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Eldredge, from the same committee, reported back without action, the petition of the officers of school district number four in the township of Lansing, for the grant of a lot of land in the town of Michigan, whereon to erect a school house.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Quackenboss, from the committee on education, reported back without action, the Senate bill relative to common schools.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 25, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

✓ An act to incorporate the Leoni theological institute ;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Superior fishing and mining company, approved March 31, 1840 ;

An act to authorize Peter M. Kinde to build a dam across Grand River ; and

An act to incorporate the village of Mackinac.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 25, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

t A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids, approved February 20, 1847, and the act amendatory thereto, approved January 29, 1848 ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Adrian insurance company ; and

A bill to authorize the county of Ingham to borrow a certain sum of money.

Also to return the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the Pontiac and Grand River state road from the village of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, to the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee ;

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Union City plank road company ;

A bill providing for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands on the state road leading from Lexington, in the county of St. Clair to Rogers' mills, in Lapeer county ; and

A bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships in in the county of Kalamazoo.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill providing for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands on the state road leading from Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to Rogers' mills, in Lapeer county ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the Pontiac and Grand River state road from the village of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, to the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee ;

The bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships in the county of Kalamazoo ; and

The bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Union City plank road company,

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the Rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids, approved February 20th, 1847, and the act amendatory thereto, approved January 29, 1848, was read twice, when

Mr. Harris moved a suspension of the rules, which motion prevailed and the bill was ordered to be read the third time ; and

It was read the third time and passed.

The Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Adrian insurance company, was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Senate bill to authorize the county of Ingham to borrow a certain sum of money, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Speaker announced the following communication :

STATE LAND OFFICE,
Marshall, March 23, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR—In compliance with the resolution of your body asking for a list of all the internal improvement lands in the lower peninsula remaining unsold, and not by law withheld from entry and sale, I have the honor to present the accompanying schedule.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ABIEL SILVER,

Commissioner.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The foregoing communication and the accompanying document were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The bill to incorporate the Washtenaw woolen manufacturing company, in the county of Washtenaw, was taken from the table, and

The bill was passed by a two-thirds vote.

On motion of Mr. Bingham,

The bill to incorporate the Leoni Seminary, was taken from the table, and it was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Littlejohn, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill authorizing the Commissioner of the Land Office to appraise and receive damages on certain lands, which bill was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Campbell, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill authorizing the district board of fractional school district number one in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmet and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun, to borrow a certain sum of money, which was read twice and laid on the table.

Mr. Littlejohn offered a concurrent resolution constituting the committees on internal improvement in the two Houses a joint committee for certain purposes, which was read, when

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The fifteenth rule was suspended.

Mr. Bingham moved that the resolution be so amended as to except Senate bills from its action, which motion was lost ; and

The concurrent resolution was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the further consideration of the bill to incorporate the Mariners' Church, of Detroit.

Mr. Lothrop moved that the bill be laid on the table, which motion was lost ; and

It was ordered to be read the third time.

The bill to incorporate the Leoni Seminary, was read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

The following entitled bills coming up for a third reading, they were,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Laid on the table, viz :

A bill to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, through the counties of, Lapear and Genesee, to Corunna, in the county of Shiawassee ;

A bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kalamazoo to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at the village of Kalamazoo, and for other purposes ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads in the county of Branch ;

A bill to aid in the construction of certain bridges in the county of Kent ;

A bill to provide for the improvement of the main road from Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to Michigan, in Ingham county ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the state road from Constantine, in St. Joseph county, to Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, through Cassopolis, in Cass county.

The bill to incorporate the Mariners' Church, of Detroit, was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Murray,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to provide for statistical information, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the further consideration of the bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company ; and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company, and the bill was taken up for consideration ; and

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill were severally non-concurred in.

Mr. M. B. Martin moved to amend section thirty-one by adding thereto the following :

"But the legislature shall not at any time during the continuance of this charter by any amendment hereafter to be made, alter or change the line of said rail road by which the village of Fentonville shall not be made a permanent point on the line of said route :"

Which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The following was added to the bill to stand as an independent section :

Sec. 30. Any inhabitant of this state shall have a lien upon the stock, appurtenances and entire property of said rail road company, for all claims and demands not exceeding one hundred dollars each against said company, originally contracted or incurred within this state, which shall take precedence of all other claims or demands, judgments or decrees, liens or mortgages against such company,"

Mr. Denton moved that section thirty-one be stricken out, and the following inserted, which motion prevailed, viz :

"Sec. 31. This act shall be and remain in force for the term of sixty years from and after its passage, but the legislature may at any time alter, amend or repeal this act by a vote of two-thirds of each branch thereof ; but such alteration, amendment or repeal, shall not be made within thirty years of the passage of this unless it shall be made to appear to the legislature that there has been a violation by the company of some of the provisions of this act."

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The third line of section twenty-six was amended by striking out the words "three fourths of," and by striking out '1875' and inserting '1858.'

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The words "and upon all nett proceeds invested in the construction and stocking of said road," were inserted after "company," in the second and fourth lines of section twenty-six, and the words "and the nett proceeds invested in the construction and stocking of said road," were inserted after "road" in the seventh line of section twenty-five.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for mak

ing slack water navigation in the river Huron, from the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to Lake Erie, in the county of Wayne; and

The amendment thereto reported by the committee of the whole was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on internal improvement.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the following bills were concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bills were laid on the table, viz :

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road from Mason, in the county of Ingham, to Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw ;

A bill to provide for the improvement of the Monroe and Grand River road ;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Barry ;

A bill to provide for opening and improving the road leading from the south line of the township of Mayfield, on the Flint river, to the Holland Colony, in the county of Tuscola, and for building a bridge across the Cass river, at or near Hurd's mill, so called ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the road between the village of Eaton Rapids and Michigan.

The following bills coming up on the order of unfinished business, they were,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Laid on the table, viz :

A bill for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, to the village of Allegan, in Allegan county ;

A bill to improve a certain road in the county of Hillsdale ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road from Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Byron, in the county of Shiawassee ;

A bill for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a certain road, in the county of Ingham ; and

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from

Albion to Eaton Rapids, and to make an appropriation for opening and improving the same.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor manufacturing company, together with a substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

The substitute was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Kingsley, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Washtenaw, which was read twice and laid on the table.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to incorporate the Douglas Houghton mining company ;

The bill to incorporate the Eagle Harbor mining company.

The bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent ;

The bill to incorporate the Howell Academy ;

The bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats, and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19th, 1839;

The bill for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road, in the county of Eaton ;

The bill to authorize certain persons to convey lands in the county of Allegan ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving the Pontiac and Grand River state road from the village of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, to the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee ;

The bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships in the county of Kalamazoo ;

The bill providing for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands on the state road leading from Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to Rogers' mills, in Lapeer county ;

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to certain public officers ;

The bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Union City plank road company ;

The bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Black Lake plank road company ;

The bill to incorporate the Rochester and Royal Oak plank road company ;

The bill to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company :

The bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Monroe plank road company ;

The bill to incorporate the Adrian and Union City plank road company ;

The bill to incorporate the Paw Paw plank road company ;

The bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo plank road company ; and

The bill to amend section five, of chapter twenty, of the revised statutes of 1846, in relation to the assessment of taxes.

Mr. Noyes, from the same committee, reported that the following bills were correctly engrossed, viz :

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river ;

The House amendments to the Senate bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Ingham ;

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Marshall and Charlotte road ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands to construct roads and bridges, or for draining swamps and marshes in Calhoun county ;

The bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Oakland ;

The bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne, to repair or rebuild the two draw bridges over the river Rouge, the one in the township of Greenfield, and the other in the township of Springwells, in said county ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for draining a certain marsh ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road between Fentonville and Springfield.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the special order, Mr Lane in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to amend chapter ninety-two, title twenty-one of the revised statutes, relative to county courts ;

A bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts in certain cases;

A bill to amend chapter eighty-eight and eighty-nine of the revised statutes relative to courts ;

A bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts and for other purposes ; and

A substitute for the last named bill, entitled a bill to define and regulate the powers and jurisdiction of circuit and county courts in civil and criminal actions, and in the foreclosure of mortgages.

The amendments reported to the three first named bills, striking out all after the enacting clause, were severally concurred in ; and

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The further consideration of the bills was indefinitely postponed.

The amendments reported to the bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts and for other purposes, were concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Lane,

The bill was amended by striking the word "Macomb," out of the fourth section, and inserting the same word in the third line of section three.

Mr. Hazen moved that the word "Hillsdale" be inserted after "Lena-wee," in the sixth section, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Hazen,

The bill was amended by inserting "Hillsdale" after "Lena-wee," wherever the latter word occurs.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The first line of section six was amended by striking out the word "shall," and inserting "may upon the order of the judge,"

Mr. Powell moved that all after the enacting clause of the bill be stricken out ; pending which,

Mr. Vickery moved to amend section four by striking out the word "Kalamazoo," which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Burnett,
Carver,
Clark,
Hazen,
Kingsley,

Mr. Lane,
Lawrence,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,

Mr. Powell,
Smith,
Spencer,
Strong,
Vickery,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Blades,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dodge,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,

Mr. Harris,
Howard,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,
Palmer,

Mr. Noyes,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Worden,

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On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The seventh section of the bill was stricken out.

Mr. Murray moved to amend section six by striking out the word "Berrien," which motion prevailed ; and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The sixth section was stricken out.

Mr. Emmons moved to amend the bill by striking out section five, which motion was lost.

Pending the question on striking all out,

The House took up the bill to define and regulate the powers and jurisdiction of circuit and county courts in civil and criminal cases, and in the foreclosure of mortgages, and all the amendments except the last reported by the committee of the whole, were concurred in.

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the second line of section two, by inserting the word "exclusive," after "original," which motion was lost.

Mr. Eldredge moved that the bill be amended by striking out section ten, which motion was decided in the negative.

Mr. Mathews moved that the twelfth section be stricken out, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Lawrence moved a call of the House, which was had, and it was found that there were no members absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Littlejohn moved to add the following proviso to section twelve: "Provided that the decision of any board of supervisors under the provisions of this section, shall be final, and no appeal shall be taken therefrom to the circuit or any other court."

Mr. Denton moved the previous question, which was demanded, and the main question was ordered to be now put.

The question then being on the proviso to section twelve, it was adopted.

The question then recurring on the last amendment reported by the committee of the whole, which strikes out all after the enacting clause, it was concurred in by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Carver,
Crouse,
Eldredge,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,
Hazard,

Mr. Hazen,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Mowry,
Noyes,
Palmer,

Mr. Patchen,
Pierce,
Powell,
Smith,
Spencer,
Strong,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,

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NAYS.

Mr. Blades,
Campbell,
Clark,
Dennis,
Denton,
Littlejohn,

Mr. Lothrop,
Mack,
McKinney,
Morris,
Murray,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Russell,
H. Stone,
Terry,
Turner,
Speaker,

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The question was then taken on adopting the bill as a substitute for the Senate bill to increase the jurisdiction of county courts, and for other purposes, and decided in the negative.

The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. Powell to strike out all after the enacting clause of the last named bill, it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Bennett,
Bingham,

Mr. Hazard,
Hazen,
Howard,

Mr. Noyes,
Patchen,
Pierce,

Blades,	King,	Powell,	
Burnett,	Kingsley,	Quackenboss,	
Campbell,	Lane,	Russell,	
Carver,	Lawrence,	Smith,	
Crouse,	Littlejohn,	Spencer,	
Dennis,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,	
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	H. H. Stone,	
Eldredge,	Mathews,	Strong,	
Emmons,	McKinney,	Terry,	
Ferris,	Morris,	Vickery,	
Frazer,	Mowry,	Williams,	
Granger,	Murray,	Speaker,	45

NAYS.

Mr. Clark,	Mr. Turner,	Mr. Warren,	
Mack,	Voorheis,		5

The main question then being on ordering the bill to be read the third time, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, March 28, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Brown, Dimond, Enos, Mulhollen, Patterson, Scott, St. John and Young, were absent on leave, and Messrs. Clark and Quackenboss were absent without leave.

Mr. Dennis asked and obtained leave of absence for Messrs. Clark and Quackenboss, for an indefinite period.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. King presented the claim of Messrs. Bush and Thomas, which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Pierce, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back the Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Adrian insurance company, and reported adverse to its passage.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the claim of Rawson, Duncklee & Co., for advertising, and reported that no legislative action was necessary.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and leave was given to withdraw the claim from the files of the House.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back the claim of Rawson, Duncklee & Co., for newspapers furnished to members of the present legislature, reported in favor of its allowance, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on ways and means with instructions to embody the amount in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the claim was referred to the committee on ways and means, with the instructions.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported a joint resolution relative to the claim of Charles L. Bird and Joseph A. Kent ;

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back sundry accounts of A. S. Bagg, and recommended that they be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to embody the amount in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the claims were referred to the committee on ways and means with instructions.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment, the Senate bill to incorporate the Detroit and Mt. Clemens plank road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor manufacturing company ; and

The bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company.

Mr. Harris, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without action, the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for making slack water navigation in the river Huron,

from the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to Lake Erie, in the county of Wayne, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Emmons moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on internal improvement, which motion was lost.

Mr. Eldredge moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion was decided in the negative.

Mr. Eldredge moved that the bill be made the special order for Tuesday next, which motion was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on internal improvement with instructions to report the original bill back to the House.

Mr. Voorhels, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without action, the petition of citizens of Clinton county, for a road from the town of Michigan to Mackinac.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Lake Superior mining company, of Eagle river ;

Which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Emmons, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the New England mining company.

Which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. McKinney, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill appropriating internal improvement lands for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Schoolcraft, in Kalamazoo county, to intersect the territorial road in the county of Van Buren ;

Which was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The following messages were received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 27, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred

red in the House amendments to the bill to incorporate the Brooklyn and Rome plank road company, and that said bill as amended has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 27, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the recovery of damages done by beasts on lands not enclosed by a lawful fence, approved March 17, 1847, and for other purposes;

A bill to legalize the acts of the trustees of the first society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the town of Hadley, in the county of Lapeer ;

A bill relating to the foreclosure of mortgages in the circuit courts in chancery ;

A bill to provide for ascertaining county and township expenses ;

A bill to legalize the appointment of the trustees of the first Methodist Episcopal Church, of the township of Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer ; and

Joint resolutions relative to the military works at Fort Gratiot.

I am further instructed to return the following bills, in which the Senate have concurred, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and De Witt plank road company ;

A bill to lay out, establish and improve the Benton and Vermontville state road, in the county of Eaton.

Also to return the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson ;

A bill to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the erection, repairing and preservation of bridges ;

A bill to establish a state road in the county of Ingham ; and

A bill to regulate the issuing of certain land warrants by the Auditor General, and limiting the time within which they shall be receivable at the state land office in payment for internal improvement lands.

And the following bills, which the Senate have passed with amendments, being substitutes therefor, viz :

A bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds ; and

A bill to incorporate the Adrian and Jackson plank road company.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to the bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company, with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate non-concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company.

Also, that they non-concur in the House concurrent resolution constituting the committees on internal improvement of the two Houses a joint committee for certain persons therein named.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have appointed a committee of conference consisting of Senators Hart, Fitzgerald and Isbell, on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, and request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

A bill to incorporate the Michigan and De Witt plank road company ;
and

A bill to lay out, establish and improve the Benton and Vermontville state road, in the county of Eaton ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to legalize the acts of the trustees of the first society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the town of Hadley, in the county of Lapeer ;

The Senate bill relating to the foreclosure of mortgages in the circuit courts in chancery ;

The Senate bill to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the recovery of damages done by beasts on lands which are not enclosed by a lawful fence ; and

The Senate bill to provide for ascertaining county and township expenses, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate preamble and joint resolutions relative to the military works at Fort Gratiot, was read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The Senate amendment to, being a substitute for the bill to incorporate the Adrian and Jackson plank road company, was non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The vote of non-concurrence was reconsidered ; and

The question recurring on concurring in said amendment, it was concurred in by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Palmer,
Baldwin,	Harris,	Patchen,
Barlow,	Hazard,	Russell,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Smith,
Bingham,	Howard,	Spencer,
Blades,	Kingsley,	H. Stone,
Burnett,	Lane,	H. H. Stone,
Campbell,	Lawrence,	Strong,
Carver,	Littlejohn,	Taylor,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	Terry,
Dennis,	Mack,	Vickery,
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	Voorheis,
Dodge,	Mathews,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Morris,	Williams,
Ferris,	Mowry,	Worden,
Frazer,	Murray,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. McKinney,	Mr. Powell,	Mr. Turner,	3
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And the bill was ordered to be enrolled.

The House then receded from their amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company, by a two-thirds vote, and the bill was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson, together with the Senate amendments thereto, was laid on the table.

The bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds, together with the Senate substitute therefor, being under consideration,

Mr. Eldredge moved that they be referred to the committee on ways and means, which motion was lost.

Mr. Murray moved that they be referred to the committee on the judiciary, which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Lane,

The bill and substitute were referred to the committee on federal relations.

The Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company, was concurred in by a two-thirds vote.

The Senate amendments to the bill to regulate the issuing of certain land warrants by the Auditor General, and limiting the time within which they shall be receivable at the State Land Office, in payment for internal improvement lands, were concurred in, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate amendment to the bill to establish a state road in the county of Ingham ; and

To the bill to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the erection, repairing and preservation of bridges ;

Were severally concurred in, and the bills as amended were ordered to be enrolled.

The following message was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 27, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Eagle Harbor mining company ;

An act to incorporate the Douglass Houghton mining company ;

An act to amend section five, of chapter twenty of the revised statutes of 1846, in relation to the assessment of taxes ;

An act to incorporate the Howell Academy ;

An act to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent ;

An act for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road, in the county of Eaton ;

An act to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats, and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839 ;
and

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to certain public officers.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

Mr. Campbell, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie plank road company ;

Which was read twice and laid on the table.

Mr. Mack moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of the bill providing for proceedings against garnishees, and the several bills amending chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes of 1846, and to make them together with the bill making additional amendments to the revised statutes of 1846, the special order for to-morrow, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Bingham,

The bill to provide for the improvement of the main road from Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to Michigan, in Ingham county, was taken from the table.

And it was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The bill to incorporate the Mariners' Church of Detroit, was taken from the table, and the question being on its passage, it was passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Carver,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,

Mr. Hazen,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,
Noyes,

Mr. Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,
Russell,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,

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NAYS.

Mr. McKinney,

Mr. Lane,

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On motion of Mr. Hazen,

The bill to improve a certain road in the county of Hillsdale, was taken from the table, and

It was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

All bills on the table making appropriation of internal improvement lands, were taken therefrom, and the following was the action thereon :

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads in the county of Branch ;

The bill to aid in the construction of certain bridges in the county of Kent ;

The bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kalamazoo to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at the village of Kalamazoo, and for other purposes ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the state road from Constantine, in St. Joseph county, to Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, through Cassopolis, in Cass county ; and

The bill to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road, from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Corunna, in the county of Shiawassee ; were,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Placed on the order of bills for a third reading.

The following entitled bills were severally ordered to be read the third time, viz :

The bill to provide for opening and improving the road leading from the south line of the township of Mayfield, on the Flint river, to the Holland Colony, in the county of Tuscola, and for building a bridge across the Cass river at or near Hurd's mill, so called ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the road between the village of Eaton Rapids and Michigan ;

The bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Albion to Eaton Rapids, and to make an appropriation for opening and improving the same ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road from Mason, in the county of Ingham, to Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw.

The following entitled bills were severally ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, viz :

The bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Washtenaw ;

The bill for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, to the village of Allegan, in Allegan county ;

The bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Barry ;

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Monroe and Grand River road ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road from Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Byron in the county of Shiawassee.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The further consideration of the bill for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a certain road in the county of Ingham, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the joint resolution relative to the claim of the Attorney General ; and

It was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. McKinney,

The bill to continue for a limited time the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, and for other purposes, was taken from the table.

Mr. Lothrop, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the third line of section three by inserting "be entitled to" after the word "first," and inserting "nett" before "profits;" and to amend the fourth section by striking out all after the word "amended" in the first line, to the word "so" in the third line; and to amend the fifth section by striking out of the fourteenth line the words "one and a half times, which amendments were agreed to.

Mr. Turner moved a call of the House, which was had, and it was found that Messrs. Baldwin, Dennis, Hazard, Mathews and Pierce, were absent without leave.

Mr. Campbell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Pierce, for an indefinite period.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched after the absentees.

After a short time the Sergeant-at-Arms returned, and reported that the absentees were all present.

Mr. Turner moved that all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, which motion prevailed.

The question then being on ordering the bill to be engrossed and read the third time, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bingham,
Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Emmons,
Hazard,
Hazen,
King,

Mr. Kingsley,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Murray,

Mr. Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,
H. Stone,
Terry,
Vickery,
Warren,
Williams,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,

Mr. Frazer,
Granger,
Harris,

Mr. Pierce,
Russell,
Smith,

Carver,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Ferris,

Howard,
Lane,
Mack,
McKinney,
Mowry,
Noyes,

Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Worden,
Speaker,

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Mr. Eldredge moved to reconsider the last vote.

Mr. H. Stone moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Emmons,
Harris,
Hazard,
Hazen,
King,

Mr. Kingsley,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,
Noyes,

Mr. Palmer,
Patchen,
Russell,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Terry,
Vickery,
Warren,
Worden,
Williams,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,
Blades,
Carver,
Dennis,
Denton,
Dodge,

Mr. Eldredge,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,
Howard,
Lane,
Mack,
McKinney,

Mr. Powell,
Smith,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Bingham,

The bill to provide for establishing temporary normal schools, or teachers' institutes in the several counties in this state, was taken from the table.

Mr. Emmons moved that its further consideration be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Praise plank road company was taken from the table, and

It was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company, was taken from the table.

After the reading of the bill,

Mr. Lothrop, by unanimous consent, moved that it be laid on the table, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill to authorize the minor heirs of Sophia Howell, late of Hillsdale county, deceased, to convey certain real estate, was taken from the table, and

It was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Taylor, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes, and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847, which was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Russell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the use of this hall be continued to the Congregational and Methodist Episcopal Churches during the present year, for the purposes of public worship on the Sabbath.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill authorizing the district board of school district number eleven, in the township of Coldwater, in the county of Branch, to borrow a certain sum of money, was taken from the table, and

It was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following entitled bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company ;

The bill to incorporate the North American mining company ; and

The bill to incorporate the Monroe manufacturing company, in the county of Monroe.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The joint resolutions respecting a Pacific rail road, were taken from the table.

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the joint resolution by striking out the words "as the sense of this legislature," which motion prevailed.

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the the second line by striking out "we" and inserting "this legislature."

Mr. Emmons moved to amend the amendment by substituting "Senate and House of Representatives," for the words proposed to be inserted, which motion was lost ; and

The question recurring on the original amendment, it was rejected.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The first line of the second resolution was amended by inserting the words "and is hereby" before "recommended."

The joint resolution was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, having reported it as correctly engrossed,

The joint resolution respecting a Pacific rail road was read the third time and passed.

The bill to authorize the minor heirs of Sophia Howell, late of Hilldale county, deceased, to convey certain real estate, was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Blades,
Campbell,
Carver,
Dennis,
Dodge,
Ferris,
Hazard,
Hazen,

Mr. King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Morris,
Mowry,

Mr. Murray,
Palmer,
Taylor,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Crouse,
Denton,
Eldredge,
Emmons,

Mr. Granger,
Harris,
Howard,
Spencer,
H. Stone,

Mr. H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Turner,
Voorheis,

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The following entitled bills and joint resolution were severally read the third time and passed, viz :

A bill authorizing the district board of school district number eleven in the township of Coldwater, county of Branch, to borrow a certain sum of money ;

A bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Ingham ; and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of the Attorney General.

The bill to provide for internal improvement in the county of Oakland, was read the third time, when

Mr. Voorheis, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the same by striking out of the first line of section two the words "governor of the state is," and inserting "board of supervisors of said county are," which motion prevailed, and the bill was then passed.

The following entitled bills were severally read the third time and and passed, viz :

A bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne, to repair or rebuild the two draw bridges over the river Rouge, the one in the township of Greenfield, and the other in the township of Springwells, in said county ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads in the county of Branch ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands to construct roads and bridges, or for draining swamps and marshes in Calhoun county ;

A bill to provide for the improvement of the Marshall and Charlotte road ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the road between the village of Eaton Rapids and Michigan.

A bill to aid in the construction of a certain bridge in the county of Kent ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road between Fentonville and Springfield.

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for draining a certain marsh, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, it was decided in the negative.

The bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kalamazoo to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at the village of Kalamazoo, and for other purposes, was read the third time, when

Mr. Murray moved that its further consideration be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Burnett,

Mr. Lane,

Mr. Powell,

Dennis,
King,Murray,
Noyes,

Voorheis,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bingham,
Blades,
Campbell,
Carver,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dodge,
Eldredge,Mr. Ferria,
Frazer,
Granger,
Hazard,
Howard,
Kingsley,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,Mr. McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Russell,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Turner,
Worden,
Speaker,

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The bill was then passed.

The bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Albion to Eaton Rapids, and to make an appropriation for opening and improving the same, was read the third time, when

Mr. Campbell, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the fifth section by adding thereto the words "to be expended between Duck Lake and Eaton Rapids," which motion prevailed; and

The bill was then passed.

The following entitled bills were severally read the third time and passed, viz:

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the state road from Constantine, in St. Joseph county, to Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, through Cassopolis, in Cass county;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road from Mason, in the county of Ingham, to Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw; and

A bill to provide for opening and improving the road leading from the south line of the township of Mayfield, on the Flint river, to the Holland Colony in the county of Tuscola, and for building a bridge across the Cass river at or near Hurd's mill, so called.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The title of the last named bill was amended by striking out "Mayfield, on the Flint river," and inserting "Metamora."

The bill to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair,

through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Corunna in the county of Shiawassee ;

Was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Mack moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Emmons, Harris, Lawrence, Palmer, Pierce, Russell, Terry and Warren, were absent without leave.

Mr. Smith asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Pierce, for an indefinite period.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched after the absentees.

After a short time the Sergeant-at-Arms returned, and reported that the absentees were all present.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Mt. Clemens plank road company, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, it was decided in the negative as follows, two-thirds of the House not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Blades,
Crouse,
Denton,
Ferris,
Harris,
Hazard,
Hazen,

Mr. King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Lawrence,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Murray,

Mr. Patchen,
Powell,
Russell,
H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,

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NAYS.

Mr. Burnett,
Carver,
Dennis,
Dodge,
Eldredge,

Mr. Emmons,
Frazer,
Granger,
McKinney,
Mowry,

Mr. Spencer,
H. H. Stone,
Turner,
Speaker,

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The bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor manufacturing company, was read the third time, and passed by a two-thirds vote.

The bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, it was decided in the negative by the following vote, two-thirds not voting in its favor :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Mowry,
Barlow,	King,	Murray,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Noyes,
Blades,	Lane,	Palmer,
Crouse,	Littlejohn,	Patchen,
Denton,	Lothrop,	Powell,
Eldredge,	Mack,	Russell,
Emmons,	M. B. Martin,	H. Stone,
Ferris,	W. R. Martin,	Voorheis,
Harris,	Mathews,	Warren,
Hazard,	Morris,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Strong,
Bennett,	Granger,	Taylor,
Burnett,	Lawrence,	Terry,
Carver,	McKinney,	Turner,
Dennis,	Smith,	Vickery,
Dodge,	H. H. Stone,	Williams,

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Mr. Terry moved that the last vote be reconsidered ; and

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, it was not passed by the following vote, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Morris,
Barlow,	Hazard,	Murray,
Bingham,	King,	Noyes,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Patchen,
Burnett,	Lane,	Powell,
Carver,	Lawrence,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	Terry,
Eldredge,	Mack,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	W. R. Martin,	Warren,
Frazer,	Mathews,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Littlejohn,	Mr. Spencer,
Bennett,	M. B. Martin,	Strong,
Dennis,	McKinney,	Taylor,
Denton,	Mowry,	Turner,
Dodge,	Palmer,	Vickery,
Ferris,	Russell,	Williams,
Harris,	Smith,	Worden,
Hazen,		

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Mr. Littlejohn moved to reconsider the last vote.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Taylor in the chair.

After spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back without amendment,

A bill to empower the judge of probate of the county of Berrien to authorize a sale of certain real estate ;

A bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Ionia ;

A bill to organize four counties in the upper peninsula, and define the boundaries of the same ;

A bill to change the time for the collection of taxes in the counties of Chippewa, Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon ;

A bill to vacate certain alleys in the village of Byron ;

A bill to incorporate the Union Hall association of the village of Tecumseh ;

A bill concerning divorce ;

A bill to incorporate the Temple building company, of Battle Creek ;

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Flushing, in the county of Genesee, to the village of Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw ;

A bill to authorize Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate ;

A bill to incorporate the Pittsford and Brockville branch rail road company ; and

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry, to the village of Charlotte, in the county of Eaton. }

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to repeal the charter of the village of Marshall ;

A bill to prevent the circulation of foreign notes ;

A bill to amend chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads ;

A bill to repeal part of an act entitled an act to provide for establishing and improving the Pontiac and Grand River road ;

A bill to provide for the laying out and working of a certain state road ;

A bill relative to filing the oaths of office and the bonds of civil officers ;

A bill for laying out and establishing certain state roads ;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit union society of carpenters and joiners ; and

A joint resolution relative to the state prison building.

The following entitled bills were severally ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, viz :

A bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Ionia ;

A bill to organize four counties in the upper peninsula, and define the boundaries of the same ;

A bill to change the time for the collection of taxes in the counties of Chippewa, Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, and for other purposes ;

A bill to vacate a certain alley in the village of Byron ;

A bill to incorporate the Union Hall association of the village of Tecumseh ; and

A bill to incorporate the Temple building company of Battle Creek.

The bill to empower the judge of probate of Berrien county to authorize a sale of certain real estate ; and

The bill concerning divorce ;

Were severally ordered to a third reading ;

The bill to establish a state road from the village of Flushing, in the county of Genesee, to the village of Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw, was,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Amended by striking out of the first section the names of Asahel Packer and E. Jewett, and inserting in lieu thereof James Seymour and Alpheus Williams.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill to authorize Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate, was

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

Laid on the table.

The bill to incorporate the Pittsford and Brockville branch rail road company, was,

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Campbell moved that the further consideration of the bill to establish a state road from the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry, to the village of Charlotte, in the county of Eaton, be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

The bill to repeal the charter of the village of Marshall, was,

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Laid on the table.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to prevent the circulation of foreign notes, were concurred in.

Mr. H. H. Stone moved that all after the enacting clause of the bill be stricken out, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Carver,
Dennis,
Ferris,

Mr. Hazard,
Hazen,
Howard,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Mowry,

Mr. Noyes,
Smith,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Turner,
Warren,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Blades,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Frazer,
Granger,

Mr. Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Murray,
Palmer,
Patchen,

Mr. Powell,
Russell,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Speaker,

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And the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The amendments reported to the bill to amend chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of 1846, were concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following section was added to the bill, viz :

"Section 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after thirty days from its passage."

The amendments were then ordered to be engrossed, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

The amendment reported to the joint resolution relative to the state prison building, was concurred in.

Mr. Mack moved to strike out all after the resolving clause of the joint resolution ; pending which,

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

It was laid on the table.

The amendment reported to the bill to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads, was concurred in, and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Baker,

The bill to repeal part of an act entitled an act to provide for establishing and improving the Pontiac and Grand River road, was amended by inserting the words "and the township of Holly, in the county of Oakland, after "Ionia," in the sixth line of section one.

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Taylor moved that the further consideration of the bill to provide for the laying out and working a certain state road, be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

The amendments reported to the bill relative to filing the oaths of office and the bonds of civil officers, and

To the bill for laying out and establishing certain state roads, were severally concurred in, and the bills ordered to be read the third time.

The bill to incorporate the Detroit union ociety of carpenters and joiners, was,

On motion of the Speaker, (Mr. Mack in the chair,)

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, March 29, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Brown, Clark, Dimond, Enos, Mulhollen, Patterson, Pierce, Quackenboss, Scott, St. John and Young were absent on leave, and Mr. Warren was absent without leave.

Mr. Mowry asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Warren for an indefinite period, on account of ill health.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the petition of Noah S. Harvey, relative to a certain street in the village of Frederick, and reported adverse to any legislative action thereon.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back the claim of Bush and Thomas, reported in favor of its allowance, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to embody the amount in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the claim was referred to the committee on ways and means, with the instructions.

Nr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for making slack water navigation on the river Huron, from the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to Lake Erie, in the county of Wayne, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide against the recovery of damages done by beasts on lands which are not enclosed by a lawful fence, approved March 7, 1847 ; and

A bill to legalize the acts of the trustees of the first society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the town of Hadley, in the county of Lapeer.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bills were referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, a bill to provide for ascertaining county and township expenses, and for other purposes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Harris, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back the bill appropriating internal improvement lands for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Schoolcraft, in the county of Kalamazoo, to intersect the territorial road in the county of Van Buren, and reported adverse to its passage.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged ; and

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill to incorporate the Lake Superior mining company, of Eagle river ;

The bill to incorporate the New England mining company ;

The bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Ionia ;

The bill to organize four counties in the upper peninsula, and define the boundaries of the same ;

The bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie plank road company ;

The bill to provide for internal improvement in the county of Barry ;

The bill for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, to the village of Allegan, in Allegan county ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road from Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Byron, in the county of Shiawassee ;

The bill providing for internal improvements in the county of Washtenaw ;

The bill to provide for the improvement of the Monroe and Grand River road ;

The bill to prevent the circulation of foreign notes ;

The bill to vacate certain alleys in the village of Byron ;

The bill to incorporate the Union Hall Association, of the village of Tecumseh ;

The bill to establish a state road from the village of Flushing, in the county of Genesee, to the village of Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw ;

The bill to incorporate the Temple Building company, of Battle Creek ;

The bill to change the time for the collection of taxes in the counties of Chippewa, Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, and for other purposes ; and

Also, House amendments to Senate bill to amend chapter sixteen of the revised statutes.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the joint committee, made the following report, which was accepted and the committee discharged :

The joint committee, composed of the finance committee of the Senate, and ways and means of the House, raised for the purpose of making an examination into the validity and value of the mortgage lien of the state upon the Detroit and Pontiac rail road, having considered the same, direct a report thereon, that, believing said lien cannot attach to the portion of said road embraced in the first one and a half miles from the city of Detroit, and also that the same cannot attach to the portion thereof embraced in the first seven miles of said road from Pontiac, in the direction of Detroit, the committee have not deemed it necessary to investigate the right of the state to enforce said mortgage lien by a foreclosure and sale ; but a proposition having been submitted to them for an amicable adjustment, the majority of the committee feel disposed to regard said proposition favorably, and would express their view of the proper policy in the premises by the accompanying joint resolution.

The joint resolution relative to the Detroit and Pontiac rail road was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 29, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill relative to free schools in the city of Detroit ;

A bill to repeal sections three, four and five of an act making appropriations on the Central and Southern rail roads, and for other purposes, approved February 23, 1843 ;

A bill to regulate and define the jurisdiction of the circuit and county courts ;

A bill to amend chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the revised statutes of the state of Michigan ; and

Joint resolution authorizing the Auditor General to draw a certain warrant.

I am further instructed to return the following bills, in which the Senate have concurred, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Michigan plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Algonquin mining company ;

A bill authorizing Robert Palmer and Morris S. Allen to build a dam across Grand River, in the county of Clinton ;

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Hiram Burnham certain lands selected for Saline purposes ; and

A bill to change the name of certain religious societies.

Also, to return the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Eaton Rapids plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the New York and Michigan mining company, of Detroit, Michigan ;

A bill to incorporate the Quincy mining company ;

A bill to incorporate the National mining company ;

A bill to provide for the more equal distribution of the annual reports among the officers and members of the legislature ; and

A bill to incorporate the Michigan mining company.

I am further instructed to return the bill to amend an act to establish a board of auditors to investigate certain claims growing out of the sales of primary school lands, university and internal improvement lands, &c., approved March 24, 1845, and to inform you that the Senate insist on their previous action to the House amendment thereto.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate non-concur in House bill to amend an act to extend Fort street, in the city of Detroit until it intersects the road leading from Detroit river to Dearbornville, approved March 22, 1837; and

Joint resolution relative to the acquisition of new territory by the general government.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to the bill to incorporate the Washtanaw woolen manufacturing company, in the county of Washtenaw, and that said bill as amended has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Michigan plank road company;

The bill to incorporate the Algonquin mining company;

The bill authorizing Robert Palmer and Morris S. Allen to build a dam across Grand River, in the county of Clinton;

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Hiram Burnham certain lands selected for saline purposes; and

The bill to change the name of certain religious societies;

Were severally ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to repeal sections three, four and five of an act making appropriations on the Central and Southern rail roads, and for other purposes, approved February 23, 1843; and

The Senate bill to amend chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the revised statutes;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate joint resolution authorizing the Auditor General to draw a certain warrant, was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

The Senate bill relative to free schools in the city of Detroit, was read twice and referred to the committee on education.

The Senate bill to regulate and define the jurisdiction of circuit and county courts, was read twice, when

Mr. Dennis moved that the rules be suspended so as to enable the bill to be read the third time and put upon its passage, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Lothrop moved that the bill be referred to the committee of the whole, which motion was lost.

Mr. Noyes moved that the bill be made the special order for to-morrow, which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Lothrop moved to amend the bill by striking out the first, second, and third sections, which motion was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Blades,
Campbell,
Dennis,

Mr. Harris,
King,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,

Mr. Murray,
Powell,
H. Stone,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Carver,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Ferris,
Frazer,
Granger,
Hazard,

Mr. Hazen,
Howard,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Russell,

Mr. Smith,
Spencer,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Worden,
Speaker,

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Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend the seventh section by striking out of the second line the words, "of that judicial circuit," and inserting "circuit" before "judge," which motion was lost.

The question then being on ordering the bill to be read the third time, it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Morris,
Barlow,	Hazard,	Mowry,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Palmer,
Bingham,	Howard,	Patchen,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Burnett,	Lane,	Smith,
Carver,	Lawrence,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Mack,	Strong,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Vickery,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Voorheis,
Dodge,	Mathews,	Williams,
Eldredge,	McKinney,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Littlejohn,	Mr. H. Stone,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	Taylor,
Ferris,	Murray,	Terry,
Harris,	Powell,	Worden,
King,	Spencer,	

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The bill was read the third time, when

Mr. Murray moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

And the question recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed "by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Morris,
Barlow,	Hazen,	Mowry,
Bennett,	Howard,	Palmer,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Burnett,	Lane,	Smith,
Carver,	Lawrence,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Mack,	Strong,
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	Turner,
Dodge,	W. R. Martin,	Vickery,
Eldredge,	Mathews,	Voorheis,
Frazer,	McKinney,	Williams,
Granger,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. King,	Mr. Spencer,
Blades,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Campbell,	Lothrop,	Taylor,
Dennis,	Murray,	Terry,
Ferris,	Patchen,	Worden,
Harris,	Powell,	Speaker,

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The question then being on the title of the bill;

Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend the same by striking out the words "and circuit," which motion was lost.

Mr. Smith moved that the vote by which the bill was passed be reconsidered.

Mr. Harris moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which motion did not prevail ; and

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was decided in the negative.

The Senate amendments to the bill to provide for the more equal distribution of the annual reports of the state officers among the members and officers of the legislature, were concurred in, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

The House then receded from their amendment to the bill to establish a board of auditors to investigate certain claims growing out of the sales of primary school lands, university and internal improvement lands, &c., approved March 24, 1845.

Mr. Lane moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Emmons, Frazer, Spencer, H. H. Stone and Turner were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The Senate amendments to the following entitled bills were concurred in by the constitutional vote, and the bills as amended were ordered to be enrolled, viz :

- A bill to incorporate the Eaton Rapids plank road company ;
- A bill to incorporate the National mining company ;
- A bill to incorporate the Michigan mining company ;
- A bill to incorporate the Quincy mining company ; and
- A bill to incorporate the New York and Michigan mining company, of Detroit, Michigan.

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 28, 1846. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company of Michigan ;

An act to incorporate the Monroe manufacturing company, in the county of Monroe; and

An act to incorporate the North American mining company, of Detroit.

Also, an act appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the navigation of the Kalamazoo river, between the village of Allegan and Lake Michigan;

An act appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the purpose of improving a state road leading from the village of St. Joseph, in the county of Berrien, to the village of La Grange, in the county of Cass;

An act appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving a certain road in the county of Ottawa, and for building a bridge and causeway at Grand Haven, in said county.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 29, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed to return herewith the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein:

A bill to authorize the board of auditors of Wayne county to repair or rebuild the two draw bridges over the river Rouge, the one in the township of Greenfield and the other in the township of Springwells, in said county; and

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Lenawee.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bills returned with the foregoing communication were ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Burnett moved that the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Detroit and Mt. Clemens plank road company, was lost on its passage, be reconsidered, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Terry moved a call of the House which was had, and Messrs. Emmons, Frazer, King, Noyes and Taylor, were absent without leave.

Mr. Bennett asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Frazer for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched after the absentees.

Several of the absentees having returned, all further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The bill to incorporate the Detroit and Mt. Clemens plank road company, was then passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Murray,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Noyes,
Barlow,	Hazen,	Palmer,
Bennett,	King,	Patchen,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Powell,
Blades,	Lane,	Quackenbush,
Burnett,	Lawrence,	Russell,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Smith,
Carver,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	Mack,	Strong,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Dodge,	Mathews,	Voorheis,
Ferris,	Morris,	Williams,
Granger,	Mowry,	Worden,

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NAYS.

Mr. Howard,	Mr. Spencer,	Mr. Vickery,
McKinney,		

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On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The vote by which the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for draining a certain marsh, was lost on its passage, was reconsidered ; and

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed.

Mr. Lothrop asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Vickery for the remainder of the session, after to-day.

Mr. Denton, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to extend the time for perfecting sales on property levied upon for delinquent taxes for the year 1848, in the village of Pontiac, which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The rules were suspended ; and

The engrossment having been dispensed with, the bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill authorizing the district board of fractional school district number one in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun, to borrow a certain sum of money, was taken from the table ; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Burnett asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Hasen for the remainder of the session, after to-day.

Mr. Denton moved to take from the table the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company was lost, which motion prevailed ; and

The vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Denton, by unanimous consent, moved to amend section thirty-one by striking out "thirty" before "years," and inserting "twenty," which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Worden moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Baker, Eldredge, M. B. Martin, Noyes, Powell and H. H. Stone, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

A messenger was sent after the absentees.

Several of the absentees having returned,

Mr. Murray moved that all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, which motion prevailed.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, the following was the vote thereon :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Denton,
Emmons,
Ferria,
Hazen,
Harris,
Hazard,
King,

Mr. Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,
Noyes,

Mr. Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,
Russell,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Worden,
Speaker,

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Bennett,
Carver,
Dennis,

Mr. Granger,
Howard,
McKinney,
Smith,

Mr. Turner,
Vickery,
Williams,

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The Speaker decided that the bill was not passed.

Mr. Murray appealed from that decision.

Mr. Terry moved that the appeal be laid on the table, which motion was lost ; and

The question recurring on the appeal, the decision of the chair was sustained by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Burnett,
Carver,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Denton,

Mr. Ferris,
Granger,
Hazard,
Hazen,
Howard,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lothrop,
Mack,
Mathews,

Mr. McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Russell,
Smith,
Strong,
Turner,
Vickery,
Voorheis,
Williams,

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NAYS.

Mr. Campbell,
Emmons,
Harris,
King,
Littlejohn,
M. B. Martin,

Mr. Murray,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,
Spencer,

Mr. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Warren,
Worden,

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On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company, was taken from the table.

Mr. Turner, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the bill by adding the following proviso to section one : " Provided, also, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to change the western route of said Central rail road, as fixed by section five of the act to which this act is amendatory, which amendment was adopted.

Mr. H. Stone moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Eldredge, Mack, McKinney and H. H. Stone, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

A messenger was despatched after the absentees.

Several of the absentees having returned,

On motion of Mr. Murray,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the negative by the following vote, two-thirds not voting therefor:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. Russell,
Bingham,	Littlejohn,	Smith,
Blades,	Lothrop,	Spencer,
Burnett,	M. B. Martin,	H. Stone,
Campbell,	W. R. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Mathews,	Strong,
Dennis,	Morris,	Taylor,
Dodge,	Mowry,	Terry,
Emmons,	Murray,	Turner,
Granger,	Noyes,	Vickery,
Howard,	Palmer,	Warren,
King,	Patchen,	Williams,
Kingsley,	Powell,	Speaker,
Lane,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Mack,
Bennett,	Harris,	McKinney,
Carver,	Hazard,	Voorheis,
Denton,	Hazen,	Worden,

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Mr. Powell moved to suspend the rule so as to enable a reconsideration of the votes by which the bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company; and

The bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company, were lost on their passage, to be moved a second time, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Denton then moved to reconsider the vote by which the first named bill was lost on its passage.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Harris moved that the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company, was lost, be reconsidered.

Mr. Taylor moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, which motion prevailed.

Mr. W. R. Martin, by unanimous consent, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Eaton county, relative to the advertising of lands delinquent for taxes, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. W. R. Martin, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill relative to the publication of the tax list for Eaton county, for the year 1848, which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The following entitled bills were severally read the third time and passed, viz :

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road from Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Byron, in the county of Shiawassee ;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Washtenaw ; and

A bill for laying out and establishing certain state roads.

On motion of Mr. Voorheis,

The House took a recess for one hour.

The time having elapsed for which the House took a recess, the Speaker resumed the chair ; and

The following entitled bills were severally read the third time and passed, viz :

A bill concerning divorce ;

A bill to change the time for the collection of taxes in the counties of Chippewa, Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, and for other purposes ;

A bill to provide for the improvement of the Monroe and Grand River road ;

A bill to vacate a certain alley in the village of Byron ;

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Flushing, in the county of Genesee, to the village of Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw ;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Barry ;

A bill to amend chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

A bill for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, to the village of Allegan, in Allegan county ;

A bill to organize four counties in the upper peninsula, and define the boundaries of the same ;

A bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Ionia;

A bill to empower the judge of probate of Berrien county to authorize a sale of certain real estate;

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads; and

A bill relative to filing the oaths of office and the bonds of civil officers.

The bill to prevent the circulation of foreign notes, was read the third time, when

Mr. Noyes moved that its further consideration be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. *Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,

Mr. Ferris,
Harris,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
McKinney,

Mr. Morris,
Murray,
Patchen,
Powell,
Russell,
H. Stone,
Terry,
Vickery,
Williams,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bingham,
Burnett,
Carver,
Dennis,
Hazard,
Hazen,
Howard,

Mr. Kingsley,
Lawrence,
Mowry,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Smith,

Mr. Spencer,
Strong,
Taylor,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Worden,

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Mr. Baldwin moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Granger, H. H. Stone and Warren, were absent without leave.

Mr. Emmons asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. H. H. Stone, for the day.

Mr. Mowry for Mr. Warren, for an indefinite period.

Mr. Taylor for Mr. Granger, as above.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The following entitled bills were severally read the third time and each passed by a two-thirds vote, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the New England mining company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Lake Superior mining company, of Eagle river.

The bill to incorporate the Temple building company of Battle Creek, was read the third time, when

Mr. Campbell, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the thirteenth section by striking out the words "for any violation of the provisions of this act," which motion prevailed.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was not passed, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative.

The bill to incorporate the Union Hall association of the village of Tecumseh, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, it was decided in the negative, two-thirds not voting in its favor.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The last vote was reconsidered, and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on federal relations, reported back the bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds, together with the Senate substitute therefor.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The question then being on concurring in the Senate substitute, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Emmons, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the Mackinaw mining company, which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following entitled bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to establish a state road in the counties of Ingham, Genesee and Livingston ;

The bill to lay out, establish and improve the Benton and Vermontville state road, in the county of Eaton ;

. The bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company ;

The bill to regulate the issuing of certain land warrants by the Auditor General, and limiting the time within which the same shall be receivable at the State Land Office for internal improvement lands ;

The bill to incorporate the Michigan and De Witt plank road company ;

The bill to incorporate the Adrian and Jackson plank road company ;

The bill to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the erection, repairing and preservation of bridges ;

The bill to authorize the board of auditors of Wayne county to repair or rebuild the two draw bridges over the river Rouge, the one in the township of Greenfield and the other in the township of Springwells, in said county ; and

The bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Lenawee.

Mr. Emmons moved that the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Temple Building company, of Battle Creek, was lost on its passage, be reconsidered, which motion prevailed ; and

On motion of Mr. Murray,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill making appropriations for the salaries of the state officers for the year 1848, was taken from the table, and the bill being under consideration,

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the ninth line of section one, by striking out the word "five," before "hundred," and inserting "three," which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The words "for the salary of the Quarter Master General, one hundred and fifty dollars," were stricken out of the first section.

Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend the seventh line of section one, by inserting the words "including his actual necessary traveling expen-

ses," after "general," and by striking out the word "five," and inserting "eight," which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The following section was added to the bill, viz :

"Section 2. The sum of six hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated for the following purposes, and the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed, out of the last above appropriation, to pay the Assistant Librarian the sum of three dollars per day during the time he has been or may be in the service of the state as such Librarian, to be paid on the certificate of the Secretary of State ; and the Private Secretary of the Governor, the sum of three dollars per day, during the time he has been or may be in the service of the state, to be paid on the certificate of the Governor : Provided, the time for which such officers shall be paid, shall not exceed eight days beyond the actual period of the session of the legislature."

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The word "deputy," before " Librarian," was stricken out of the twelfth line of section one, and " assistant " inserted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the special order, Mr. Denton in the chair.

After spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported that they had had under consideration sundry bills on the special order, on which they had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again thereon, which leave was granted.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents, was taken from the table.

Mr. Emmons moved that the words "and Assistant Librarian," be inserted after "legislature," which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, March 30, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sanford.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Brown, Clark, Dimond, Enos, Frazer, Mulhollen, Patterson, Pierce, St. John, Vickery, Warren and Young were absent on leave, and Mr. Palmer was absent without leave.

Mr. Bingham asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Palmer for an indefinite period.

Mr. Emmons moved that the rule requiring the journal to be read be dispensed with, which motion was decided in the affirmative by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Littlejohn presented the petition of Thomas S. Myrick and one hundred and fifteen others, for the passage of a bill providing for a state normal school, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Quackenboss, from the committee on education, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the bill relative to free schools in the city of Detroit.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills and joint resolution were correctly engrossed, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Mackinac mining company ;

A bill authorizing the district board of fractional school district number one, in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun, to borrow a certain sum of money ;

A bill making appropriations for the salaries of the state officers for the year 1848 ; and

A joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents.

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, March 28, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to establish a state road in the counties of Ingham, Genesee and Livingston ;

An act to amend chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the execution, repairing and preservation of bridges ; and

An act to regulate the issuing of certain land warrants by the Auditor General, and limiting the time within which the same shall be receivable at the state land office for internal improvement lands ; and

An act to lay out, establish and improve the Benton and Vermontville state road, in the county of Eaton.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 29, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to encourage the publication of the reports of the geological and lineal surveys, and accompanying maps of the upper peninsula of Michigan ;

A bill to amend section eleven, title twenty-one, chapter eighty-eight and sections eleven and thirteen, title twenty-eight, chapter one hundred and fifty of the revised statutes, &c. ;

A bill to amend chapter twenty-eight, of title six of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Michigan to Mason ;

A bill to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Jackson mining company, of Jackson ;

Joint resolution requiring the board of regents to publish their journal of proceeding in the state paper, for the use of the legislature, and for other purposes ;

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section two of article twelve of the constitution ; and

Joint resolution relative to statistical information of the insane, deaf, dumb and blind.

Also to return the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Fentonville, in Genesee county, to Springfield, in Oakland county ; and

A bill to provide for the completion of the capitol buildings, and for the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriation therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan.

I am further instructed to return the following entitled bills and joint resolution, and to inform you that the Senate non-concur therein, viz :

A bill to amend chapter thirty-one of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

A bill to amend section eleven, chapter eighty-eight, of the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the attendance of certain officers upon the sessions of the supreme court ;

A bill relative to costs of proceedings in criminal cases ; and

Joint resolution relative to the claim of David Van Arman.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the following entitled bills, and that said bills as amended have been ordered to be enrolled, viz :

A bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand River, in the county of Ingham ;

A bill to provide for opening and improving the road leading from the south line of the township of Mayfield, on the Flint river, to the Holland Colony, in the county of Tuscola, and for building a bridge across the Cass river at or near Hurd's mill, so called ;

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Albion to Eaton Rapids, and to make an appropriation for opening and improving the same ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road from Mason, in the county of Ingham, to Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the road between the village of Eaton Rapids and Michigan.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate joint resolution requiring the board of regents to publish their journal of proceedings in the state paper for the use of the legislature, and for other purposes, was read twice and referred to the committee on education.

The Senate joint resolution relative to statistical information of the insane, deaf, dumb and blind, was read twice and referred to the committee on state affairs.

The Senate bill to encourage the publication of the final reports of the geological and lineal surveys and accompanying maps of the upper peninsula of Michigan, was read twice and referred to the committee on mines and minerals.

The Senate joint resolution proposing an amendment to section two of article twelve of the constitution ;

The Senate bill to amend section eleven, title twenty-one, chapter eighty-eight, and chapter one hundred and fifty, sections eleven and thirteen, title twenty-eight, of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes ; and

The Senate bill to amend chapter twenty-eight of title six of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana plank road company ; and

The Senate bill to incorporate the Jackson mining company of Jackson ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations ;

The Senate bill to provide for laying out a state road from Michigan to Mason, was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges ;

The Senate amendments to the bill to establish a state road from the village of Fentonville, in Genesee county, to Springfield, in Oakland county ; and

To the bill to provide for the completion of the capitol building and for the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriations therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan ;

Were severally concurred in, and the bills as amended were ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848, which was read twice and laid on the table.

Mr. Eldredge moved the appointment of a committee of conference on the part of the House, on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill concerning the village of Hillsdale, which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the bill to authorize Stephen V. Kinney to build a dam across Grand River, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Barlow,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the bill to authorize Luther B. Hill and Porter S. Pennel to build a dam across the Thornapple river, on section thirty-one, town four north, of range nine west, in the county of Barry; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to incorporate the Detroit union society of carpenters and joiners, was taken from the table, and the first and third amendments reported thereto by the committee of the whole, were non-concurred in, and the second amendment was concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Resolved, That the assistant enrolling clerk is entitled to documents from the office of the Secretary of State, the same as the other officers of this House.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The bill to authorize Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate, was taken from the table and ordered to be read the third time.

The Senate joint resolution requiring the board of regents to publish their journal of proceedings in the state paper for the use of the legislature, and for other purposes, was read twice and referred to the committee on education.

The Senate joint resolution relative to statistical information of the insane, deaf, dumb and blind, was read twice and referred to the committee on state affairs.

The Senate bill to encourage the publication of the final reports of the geological and lineal surveys and accompanying maps of the upper peninsula of Michigan, was read twice and referred to the committee on mines and minerals.

The Senate joint resolution proposing an amendment to section two of article twelve of the constitution ;

The Senate bill to amend section eleven, title twenty-one, chapter eighty-eight, and chapter one hundred and fifty, sections eleven and thirteen, title twenty-eight, of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes ; and

The Senate bill to amend chapter twenty-eight of title six of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Hilledale and Indiana plank road company ; and

The Senate bill to incorporate the Jackson mining company of Jackson ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations ;

The Senate bill to provide for laying out a state road from Michigan to Mason, was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges ;

The Senate amendments to the bill to establish a state road from the village of Fentonville, in Genesee county, to Springfield, in Oakland county ; and

To the bill to provide for the completion of the capitol buildings and for the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriations therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan;

Were severally concurred in, and the bills as amended were ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848, which was read twice and laid on the table.

Mr. Eldredge moved the appointment of a committee of conference on the part of the Aouse, on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, which motion prevailed.

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The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the bill to authorize Luther B. Hill and Porter S. Pennel to build a dam across the Thornapple river, on section thirty-one, town four north, of range nine west, in the county of Barry; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to incorporate the Detroit union society of carpenters and joiners, was taken from the table, and the first and third amendments reported thereto by the committee of the whole, were non-concurred in, and the second amendment was concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Resolved, That the assistant enrolling clerk is entitled to documents from the office of the Secretary of State, the same as the other officers of this House.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The bill to authorize Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate, was taken from the table and ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Littlejohn, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases, which was read twice, and ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The rule was suspended so as to enable the bill to be read the third time to-day.

Mr. Mack moved that the vote by which the House refused to concur in the Senate substitute for

The bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds, be reconsidered, which motion prevailed.

And the question recurring on concurring in the Senate substitute, it was concurred in, and the bill was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Lothrop moved to take from the table the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to order engrossed the bill to continue for a limited time the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, and for other purposes, which motion prevailed.

The question then being on reconsidering the vote refusing to order the bill to be engrossed, it was decided in the affirmative by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bingham,
Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Harris,
Howard,

Mr. Hazen,
Hazard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
M. B. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,

Mr. Murray,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,
Russell,
Scott,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Terry,
Williams,
Worden, 33

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,

Mr. Eldredge,
Granger,
Mack,

Mr. H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,

Carver,	McKinney,	Turner,	
Dennis,	Mowry,	Voorheis,	
Denton,	Smith,	Speaker,	18

Mr. Lothrop, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the bill by adding the following to the end of section five: "and for any deficiency in the assets and property of the said bank, to pay the bill holders, the directors and stockholders shall be individually liable, and and shall continue thus liable for twelve months after the disposal or sale of their stock," and also to amend section nine, by striking out the words "by a vote of two-thirds of each branch thereof," which amendment was agreed to.

The question then recurring on ordering the bill to be engrossed and read the third time, it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. King,	Mr. Patchen,	
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Powell,	
Blades,	Lane,	Russell,	
Burnett,	Lawrence,	Scott,	
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	Spencer,	
Crouse,	Lothrop,	H. Stone,	
Dodge,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,	
Emmons,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,	
Harris,	Mathews,	Warren,	
Hazard,	Morris,	Williams,	
Hazen,	Murray,	Worden,	
Howard,			34

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Smith,	
Baldwin,	Ferris,	Strong,	
Bennett,	Granger,	Turner,	
Carver,	Mack,	Voorheis,	
Dennis,	McKinney,	Speaker,	
Denton,	Mowry,		17

Mr. Emmons, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to incorporate the New Baltimore and Romeo plank road company, which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The rule was suspended to enable the bill to receive its third reading to-day.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The bill to repeal a part of an act entitled an act to provide for estab-

lishing and improving the Pontiac and Grand River road, was taken from the table, and the amendment thereto by the committee of the whole, striking out all after the enacting clause, was non-concurred in.

Mr. Voorheis moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on internal improvement, with instructions to strike out of the first section the words "and the township of Holland, in the county of Oakland," which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company was lost on its passage, was taken from the table, and the vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Denton moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Barlow, Campbell, Crouse, Noyes, and Palmer were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Denton,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched after the absentees.

After a short time, the Sergeant-at-Arms returned and reported that the absentees were all present except Mr. Barlow, who could not be found.

Mr. Denton moved that all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, which motion prevailed.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, it was passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Burrett,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Harris,
Hazard,
Hazen,
Howard,

Mr. King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Maak,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,
Noyes,
Palmer,

Mr. Patchen,
Powell,
Russell,
Scott,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,
Speaker,

NAYS.

Mr. Baker, Bennett, Bingham, Carver,	Mr. Dennis, Eldredge, Granger, McKinney,	Mr. Quackenboss, Smith, Turner,	11
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On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company, was lost, was taken from the table, and the vote reconsidered.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin, Barlow, Bingham, Blades, Burnett, Campbell, Crouse, Dennis, Denton, Dimond, Dodge, Emmons, Ferris, Granger, Hazard, Hazen,	Mr. Howard, King, Kingsley, Lane, Lawrence, Littlejohn, Lothrop, M. B. Martin, W. R. Martin, Mathews, Morris, Mowry, Murray, Noyes, Palmer, Patchen,	Mr. Powell, Quackenboss, Russell, Scott, Smith, Spencer, H. Stone, H. H. Stone, Strong, Taylor, Terry, Turner, Warren, Williams, Speaker,	47
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NAYS.

Mr. Baker, Bennett, Carver,	Mr. Eldredge, Harris, Mack,	Mr. McKinney, Voorheis, Worden,	9
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On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The bill to incorporate the Temple building company of Battle Creek, was taken from the table; and

The question being on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the negative by the following vote, two-thirds not voting therefor :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow, Blades, Burnett, Campbell,	Mr. Lane, Lawrence, Littlejohn, Lothrop,	Mr. Scott, Smith, Spencer, H. Stone,
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Crouse,
Denton,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,

M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mowry,
Murray,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Quackenboss,
Russell,

H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Warren,
Worden,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Carver,
Dennis,
Eldredge,

Mr. Granger,
Harris,
Hazard,
Hazen,
Mack,
Mathews,

Mr. McKinney,
Morris,
Powell,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Williams,

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On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company, was lost on its passage, was taken from the table, and the vote was reconsidered.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the negative by the following vote, two-thirds of the House not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Blades,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Granger,
Hazard,

Mr. Hazen,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,

Mr. Noyes,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,
Russell,
Scott,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Worden,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Carver,
Dennis,

Mr. Harris,
M. B. Martin,
McKinney,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Spencer,
Strong,
Turner,
Williams,

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On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill to incorporate the Union Hall association of the village of Tecumseh, was taken from the table, and the question being on its passage, it was decided in the negative, two-thirds not voting in its favor.

On motion of Mr. Bingham,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson, was taken from the table.

Mr. Bingham moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Murray and Scott were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then being on concurring in the Senate amendments to the bill, they were not concurred in by the following vote, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. *Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Palmer,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Patchen,
Barlow,	Howard,	Quackenboss,
Bennett,	King,	Russell,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Carver,	Lothrop,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Mack,	Strong,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Dimond,	W. R. Martin,	Voorheis,
Dodge,	Morris,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Worden,
Granger,	Noyes,	Speaker, 42

NAYS.

Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Powell,
Denton,	Lane,	Terry,
Emmons,	Mathews,	Williams,
Ferris,	McKinney,	11

Mr. Terry moved that the last vote be reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following entitled bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to incorporate the Algonquin mining company ;

Crouse,	M. B. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Strong,
Dodge,	Mowry,	Taylor,
Emmons,	Murray,	Terry,
Ferrie,	Palmer,	Warren,
Howard,	Patchen,	Worden,
King,	Quackenboss,	Speaker,
Kingsley,	Russell,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. McKinney,
Baldwin,	Harris,	Morris,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Powell,
Bingham,	Hazen,	Turner,
Carver,	Mack,	Voorheis,
Dennis,	Mathews,	Williams,
Eldredge,		

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On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company, was lost on its passage, was taken from the table, and the vote was reconsidered.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the negative by the following vote, two-thirds of the House not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Noyes,
Baldwin,	Howard,	Palmer,
Barlow,	King,	Patchen,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Powell,
Campbell,	Lane,	Russell,
Crouse,	Lawrence,	Scott,
Denton,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Dimond,	Lothrop,	H. H. Stone,
Dodge,	Mack,	Taylor,
Eldredge,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Emmons,	Mathews,	Voorheis,
Ferrie,	Morris,	Warren,
Granger,	Mowry,	Worden,
Hazard,	Murray,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Spencer,
Bingham,	M. B. Martin,	Strong,
Burnett,	McKinney,	Turner,
Carver,	Quackenboss,	Williams,
Dennis,		

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The bill to incorporate the Union Hall association of the village of Tecumseh, was taken from the table, and the question being on its passage, it was decided in the negative, two-thirds not voting in its favor.

On motion of Mr. Bingham,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson, was taken from the table.

Mr. Bingham moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Murray and Scott were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then being on concurring in the Senate amendments to the bill, they were not concurred in by the following vote, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative :

YEAS.

Mr. *Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Palmer,
Baldwin,	Hazard,	Patchen,
Barlow,	Howard,	Quackenboss,
Bennett,	King,	Russell,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Blades,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Burnett,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Carver,	Lothrop,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Mack,	Strong,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Dimond,	W. R. Martin,	Voorheis,
Dodge,	Morris,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Worden,
Granger,	Noyes,	Speaker, 42

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Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Powell,
Denton,	Lane,	Terry,
Emmons,	Mathews,	Williams,
Ferris,	McKinney,	11

Mr. Terry moved that the last vote be reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following entitled bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to incorporate the Algonquin mining company ;

The bill to incorporate the New York and Michigan mining company, of Detroit, Michigan ;

The bill to incorporate the Quincy mining company ;

The bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Michigan plank road company ;

The bill to provide for the distribution of the annual reports among the officers and members of the legislature ;

The bill authorizing Robert Palmer and Morris S. Allen to build a dam across Grand River, in the county of Clinton ; and

The bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Hiram Burnham certain lands selected for saline purposes.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back the bill to repeal a part of an act entitled an act to provide for establishing and improving the Pontiac and Grand River road, amended in accordance with the instructions of the House.

The bill was then ordered to be read the third time.

The following entitled bills and joint resolutions were severally read the third time and passed, viz :

A bill to amend an act entitled an act authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases ;

A bill to authorize Jamima Cole of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate ;

A bill to authorize Luther B. Hill and Porter S. Pennel to build a dam across the Thornapple river, on section thirty-one, town four north, of range nine west, in the county of Barry ;

A bill making appropriations for the salaries of the state officers for the year 1848 ;

A bill authorizing the district board of fractional school district number one, in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun, to borrow a certain sum of money ;

A bill to repeal a part of an act entitled an act to provide for establishing and improving the Pontiac and Grand River road ; and

A joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents.

The bill to authorize Stephen V. Kinney to build a dam across Grand River, was read the third time, when

Mr. Mathews, by unanimous consent, moved to add the following proviso to section one :

"Provided, That the said Kinney, his heirs or assigns shall at the time of building said dam, construct therein or thereat, a good and sufficient chute or slide for the passage of boats, rafts and other water craft.

Which proviso was adopted, and the bill then passed.

Mr. Terry moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Barlow, Dimond, Lothrop, Mack, W. R. Martin, Palmer and Spencer were absent without leave.

Mr. Campbell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Dimond for and indefinite period.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The Sergeant-at-arms was despatched after the absentees.

After a short time, the Sergeant-at-arms returned and reported that the members were all present except Mr. Barlow.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The bill to incorporate the Detroit union society of carpenters and joiners, was read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Howard,	Mr. Patchen,
Baldwin,	King,	Quackenbosc,
Barlow,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Blades,	Lane,	Scott,
Burnett,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Campbell,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	H. H. Stone,
Dennis,	Mack,	Strong,
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Dodge,	W. R. Martin,	Terry,
Eldredge,	Morris,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Mowry,	Warren,
Ferris,	Murray,	Williams,
Granger,	Noyes,	Worden,
Hazard,	Palmer,	Speaker, 45

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Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. McKinney,
Bingham,	Hazen,	Powell,
Carver,	Mathews,	Turner,

The bill to incorporate the Mackinac mining company was read the third time, when

Mr. Kingsley, by unanimous consent, moved to amend it by inserting the words "and Lake Superior," between "mining" and "company," which amendment was agreed to, and

The bill was then passed by a two-thirds vote.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The rule was suspended so as to enable a second reconsideration of the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee rail road company was lost, to be moved.

Mr. Harris then moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion prevailed.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bingham,
Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Denton,
Dimond,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Granger,
Harris,

Mr. Hazard,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
W. R. Martin,
Mathews,
Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,
Noyes,
Patchen,

Mr. Powell,
Quackenboss,
Russell,
Scott,
Smith,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Warren,
Worden,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Carver,
Dennis,

Mr. McKinney,
Turner,

Mr. Williams,

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Mr. Emmons moved to take from the table the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson, which motion prevailed, and the vote was reconsidered.

The question then recurring on concurring in the Senate amendments to the foregoing bill, they were concurred in, by a vote of two-thirds, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,

Mr. Granger,

Mr. Palmer,

Baldwin,	Harris,	Patchen,
Barlow,	Hazard,	Quackenboss,
Bennett,	Hazen,	Russell,
Bingham,	Howard,	Scott,
Blades,	King,	Smith,
Burnett,	Kingsley,	Spencer,
Campbell,	Lawrence,	H. Stone,
Carver,	Littlejohn,	H. H. Stone,
Crouse,	Lothrop,	Strong,
Dennis,	Mack,	Terry,
Denton,	W. R. Martin,	Voorheis,
Dimond,	Morris,	Warren,
Dodge,	Mowry,	Williams,
Emmons,	Murray,	Worden,
Ferris,	Noyes,	Speaker,

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Mr. Powell,

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On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The Speaker was authorized to appoint an assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for the remainder of the session.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, March 30, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit to the House the following named bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Harrison and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Flint and Fentonville plank road company.

I am also instructed to return the bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor manufacturing company, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor manufacturing company, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Flint and Fentonville plank road company ; and

The Senate bill to incorporate the Harrison and Jackson plank road company ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The House took a recess for one hour.

The time for which the House took a recess having elapsed, the Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, made the following report, which was accepted and the committee discharged.

The committee on ways and means, to whom were referred the claims of Benjamin Irish and Alanson Tyler, for moneys expended and services rendered in raising a volunteer regiment, under the call of the general government, having considered the same, direct me to report that in the opinion of the committee, no such claim against the state can be properly recognized : that, by an act of the legislature, certain specific sums have been appropriated and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the purpose of raising and mustering into service said regiment ; that the claimants were not the employees of the Governor or the state, but of certain individuals who were acting as such in the employment of the claimants, and to whom the claimants must resort for payment.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on mines and minerals, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to encourage the publication of the reports of the geological and lineal surveys and accompanying maps of the upper peninsula of Michigan.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Emmons, from the committee on state affairs, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to statistical information of the insane, deaf, dumb and blind.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The joint resolution was amended by adding thereto the following :

" This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

The joint resolution was then ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to incorporate the Michigan mining company, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The Speaker appointed Henry Bloss as the assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Mathews presented the claim of Joab Page, which was referred to the committee on claims.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848, was taken from the table, and placed on the special order for to-day.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the special order, Mr. Denton in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846 ;

A bill authorizing proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes ; and

A bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848.

The amendments reported to the last named bill were concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill was laid on the table.

The amendments reported to the bill authorizing proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes, were, with the exception of the last, concurred in, in gross.

The last amendment, which strikes out all after the enacting clause of the bill, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The first amendment reported to the bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, was non-concurred in, and the second, third and fourth amendments were concurred in.

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the fifth amendment, by striking out the words "one dollar" and inserting "two-dollars," which motion was lost.

The sixth amendment, which strikes out section ten, was non-concurred in, and the remainder of the amendments were concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Kingsley asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Carver for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Baker,

The House adjourned.

Friday, March 31, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Brown, Carver, Clark, Dimond, Enos, Frazer, Mulhollen, Patterson, Pierce, St. John, Vickery and Young, were absent on leave, and Mr. Palmer was absent without leave.

Mr. Voorheis presented the petition of H. C. Knight and others, for the passage of a law to amend the act relating to religious societies, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Bingham presented the petition of Reuben S. Cheney and ninety others, of Jackson, for the establishment of a state normal school, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back the joint resolution authorizing the Auditor General to draw a certain warrant, with amendments, which were concurred in, and the joint resolution was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to provide for laying out a state road from Michigan to Mason.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana plank road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Dennis, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended their passage, the bill to incorporate the Flint and Fentonville plank road company ; and

The bill to incorporate the Harrison and Jackson plank road company.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bills were ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Quackenboss, from the committee on education, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the joint resolution requiring the board of regents to publish their journal of proceedings in the state paper, for the use of the legislature, and for other purposes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on federal relations, reported back the preamble and joint resolutions relative to the military at works Fort Gratiot ; and

The joint resolution relative to a ship channel on the American side of the straits of Detroit, asked to be discharged from their further consideration, and recommended that they be referred to the committee on the militia.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolutions were referred to the committee on the militia.

Mr. H. Stone, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to the Lake Michigan and Pacific rail road.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. H. Stone, from the same committee, to whom was referred a report and resolutions of the General Assembly of the commonwealth of Kentucky, touching certain proceedings in the town of Marshall, in Michigan, and also a memorial of the anti-slavery society recently convened at Ann Arbor, submitted a report in writing, which was,

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. H. Stone, from the same committee, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to the sale of the mineral lands by the general government in the upper peninsula of Michigan.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back without action, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, the petition of Almerin Newman and others, for an appropriation on the Grand River road, in the county of Ionia.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Harris, from the same committee, reported back the petition of C. C. Chatfield and fifty others, for an appropriation on a certain road, and reported that no legislative action was necessary.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, a bill to authorize the county of Ingham to borrow a certain sum of money.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, the bill to amend chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the revised statutes.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back without amendment the following entitled bills and joint resolution, and

On his motion, their further consideration was indefinitely postponed, viz :

A bill repealing sections six, seven and eight, of chapter one hundred and fourteen, of title twenty-four of the revised statutes ;

A bill relating to the foreclosure of mortgages in the circuit courts in chancery ; and

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section two of article twelve of the constitution.

Mr. Burnett, from the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Jackson, relative to the claim of Benjamin Porter, reported the same back, and reported that it was inexpedient to legislate thereon at the present session of the legislature, and recommended that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their papers.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and leave was granted to the petitioners to withdraw their papers from the files of the House.

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 30, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Quincy mining company ;

An act to incorporate the New York and Michigan mining company, of Detroit ;

An act authorizing Robert, Palmer and Morris S. Allen to build a dam across Grand River, in the county of Clinton ; and

An act to incorporate the Algonquin mining company ; also

An act to incorporate the Michigan mining company.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, March 30, 1848. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 30, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and an act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847 ;

A bill to provide for the improvement of a state road between Shiawassee village and Flint ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands to improve the Northern wagon road from Lyons to Corunna.

I am further instructed to return the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill to extend the time for perfecting sales on property levied upon for delinquent taxes for the year 1847, in the village of Pontiac ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road from Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Byron, in the county of Shiawassee ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road between Fentonville and Springfield.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to extend the time for perfecting sales on property levied upon for delinquent taxes for the year 1847, in the village of Pontiac ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the state road from Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Byron, in the county of Shiawassee ;

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river ; and

The bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road between Fentonville and Springfield ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands to improve the Northern wagon road from Lyons to Corunna ; and

The Senate bill to provide for the improvement of a state road between Shiawassee village and Flint ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The Senate bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847, was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

The following communications were announced :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 30, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit a joint resolution relative to the claim of John Keane, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am further instructed to return the following bills, in which the Senate have concurred, viz :

A bill to incorporate the New England mining company ;

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Lake Superior mining company, of Eagle river ; and

A bill to change the time for the collection of taxes in the counties of Chippewa, Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, and for other purposes.

I am further instructed to return the bill to provide for the annual payment to the several county treasurers of certain principal and interest moneys belonging to the university and school funds, respectively, and to inform you that the Senate have non-concurred therein.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the following entitled bills, and that said bills, as amended have been ordered to be enrolled, viz :

A bill relative to filing the oaths of office and the bonds of civil officers.

A bill for laying out and establishing certain state roads ; and

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 30, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit a bill to authorize the assessment and collection of a certain tax in the township of Bertrand, in the

county of Berrien, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the New England mining company ;

The bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie plank road company ;

The bill to incorporate the Lake Superior mining company, of Eagle river ; and

The bill to change the time for the collection of taxes in the counties of Chippewa, Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, and for other purposes ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of John Keane, was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

The Senate bill to authorize the assessment and collection of a certain tax in the township of Bertrand, in the county of Berrien, was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back with sundry amendments and recommended its passage, the bill to incorporate the Jackson mining company, of Jackson.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the amendments reported by the committee were concurred in, and the bill ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Voorheis, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to amend the law relating to religious societies ;

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Littlejoen moved to take from the table the joint resolution relative to state prison building, which motion prevailed.

And the question being on the motion of Mr. Mack, to strike out all after the resolving clause ; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The joint resolution was amended by striking out the words "in any one year."

The question then recurring on the motion to strike all out, it was decided in the negative; and

The joint resolution was ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Kingsley offered the following resolution :

Resolved, As the sense of this House, that two-thirds of the members present being a quorum for the transaction of business, have the constitutional right by their vote, to pass an act of incorporation.

Mr. Eldredge moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Mathews moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Dennis and H. H. Stone were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The Sergeant-at-arms was despatched after the absentees.

The absentees having returned,

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bingham,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Harris,
Hazen,
Howard,
King,

Mr. Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Murray,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,

Mr. Russell,
Scott,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Warren,
Williams,
Worden,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Blades,
Denton,
Eldredge,
Ferris,

Mr. Granger,
Hazard,
Mack,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,

Mr. Noyes,
Smith,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Speaker,

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Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to continue for a limited time the charter of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, and for other purposes;

A bill to incorporate the New Baltimore and Romeo plank road company ; and

A bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Eldredge, Emmons and Lawrence as the committee of conference on the part of the House on the bill to change the name of the town of Michigan.

Mr. Emmons moved to take from the table the bill to incorporate the Marshall manufacturing company, in the county of Calhoun, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Emmons then offered a substitute for the bill, which was adopted, and the bill was then ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The bill to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels, was taken from the table.

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the tenth section by striking out all after the word "time" in the fifth line, which motion prevailed ; and

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, was read the third time, when

Mr. Taylor, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the same by inserting the following to stand as section sixteen, viz :

"Sec. 16. That section twenty-six of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes be and hereby is amended by inserting next after the word "village," in the third line thereof, the following : "except the city of Monroe and the villages of Grand Rapids and Adrian," which section was adopted ; and

The bill was then passed.

The bill to extend for a limited time the charter of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, and for other purposes, was read the third time, when

Mr. Mack moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Emmons, Hazard, Murray, Noyes, Palmer and Powell, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. W. R. Martin,

The Sergeant-at-arms was despatched after the absentees.

After a short time, the Sergeant-at-arms returned, and reported that the absentees were all present.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Mack moved to recommit the bill to the committee on banks and incorporations, with instructions to amend by incorporating therein a provision requiring the stockholders to deposit with the State Treasurer, state stock or other security, sufficient to protect the bill holder against loss in case of failure on the part of the bank to redeem its notes.

A division of the question was called for, and it was first taken on recommitting the bill without instructions, and decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mack,	Mr. Spencer,
Blades,	Mowry,	H. H. Stone,
Campbell,	Murray,	Strong,
Dennis,	Noyes,	Taylor,
Denton,	Palmer,	Terry,
Dodge,	Patchen,	Turner,
Eldredge,	Powell,	Williams,
Ferrie,	Quackenboss,	Speaker,
Granger,	Smith,	26

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Mathews,
Baldwin,	Howard,	McKinney,
Barlow,	King,	Morris,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Burnett,	Lawrence,	Scott,
Crouse,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Emmons,	Lothrop,	Voorheis,
Harris,	M. B. Martin,	Warren,
Hazard,	W. R. Martin,	Worden,
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Mr. Smith, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the bill by adding the following to section seven :

"And in case the president and cashier neglect to make and publish such report, or in case the said report, when so published shall be false in any material point, they shall, in either case, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof in any court of record, every person so convicted shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment," which motion prevailed.

Mr. Noyes moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Pending which,

Mr. Kingsley moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

The question then recurring on the motion to indefinitely postpone, it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Dennis,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,

Mr. Lane,
Lawrence,
Lothrop,
Mack,
Morris,
Mowry,
Noyes,
Patchen,

Mr. Powell,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Warren,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bingham,
Blades,
Clark,
Denton,

Mr. Dodge,
Eldredge,
Granger,
Harris,
Hazen,
M. B. Martin,

Mr. W. R. Martin,
H. Stone,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Worden,

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Mr. Spencer moved that the last vote be reconsidered.

Mr. Harris moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which motion was lost ; and

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Spencer asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Burnett for the remainder of the session after to-day.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without action, the bill to amend chapter eight, of title six of the revised statutes of 1846.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged ; and

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back sundry petitions for, and remonstrances against the repealing of the license law, and reported adverse to any legislative action thereon.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The petitions were laid on the table, and leave was granted to the petitioners to withdraw the petitions from the files of the House.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back two petitions for the repeal of the law prohibiting horse racing, and reported adverse to the prayer of the petitions.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported back sundry petitions and remonstrances, which had been referred to that committee.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on federal relations, reported back the petition of citizens of Van Buren county relative to the extension of slavery, and reported that no legislative action was necessary.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Turner, from the committee on claims, reported back without amendment, and recommended its passage, the joint resolution relative to the claim of John Keane.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The rule was suspended and the joint resolution read the third time passed.

Mr. Turner, from the same committee, reported back sundry claims of A. S. Bagg, and of Bagg & Harmon, reported in favor of their allowance, and recommended that they be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to embody the amount in the general appropriation bill.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the claims were referred to the committee on ways and means, with the instructions.

Mr. Lane, from the committee on the organization of townships and counties, reported back without action, the remonstrance of Thomas Burts and others, against the changing the name of a certain township.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Eldredge, from the committee of conference on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to change the name of the town of Michigan, reported that the committee recommended the adoption of the name "Algoma."

The question being on concurring in the report of the committee, it was non-concurred in by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Littlejohn,	
Dennis,	Granger,	Patchen,	
Emmons,	Hazen,	Powell,	9

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Howard,	Mr. Russell,	
Baldwin,	Kingsley,	Scott,	
Barlow,	Lane,	Spencer,	
Bingham,	Lawrence,	H. H. Stone,	
Blades,	Lothrop,	Strong,	
Burnett,	Mack,	Taylor,	
Clark,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,	
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Voorheis,	
Dodge,	Mathews,	Warren,	
Eldredge,	Morris,	Williams,	
Harris,	Mowry,	Worden,	
Hazard,	Palmer,	Speaker,	36

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, March 31, 1846. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to provide for the more equal distribution of the annual reports of the state officers among the members and officers of the legislature ;

An act to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey to Hiram Burnham certain lands selected for saline purposes ;

An act to provide for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road ;

An act appropriating certain internal improvement lands for laying out and improving a state road from Lapeer, in Lapeer county, by the

village of Almont, to St. Clair, in St. Clair county, and which by intersecting with the Fort Gratiot turnpike, shall open a communication from the village of Almont to the village of Port Huron ; and

An act to provide for laying out and improving certain roads in the county of Clinton, and making appropriation of internal improvement lands therefor.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, March 31, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill supplemental to and amendatory of a bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due on the part paid five million loan bonds ;

A bill to provide for a normal school instructor ; and

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section eight of article four of the constitution.

I am further instructed to return House bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Also to return the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill authorizing the district board of fractional school district number one, in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun, to borrow a certain sum of money ;

A bill to organize four counties in the upper peninsula, and to define the boundaries thereof ;

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Flashing, Genesee county, to the village of Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw ;

A bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Ionia ; and

A joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in House joint resolution relative to a Pacific rail road, which joint resolution is herewith returned.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the bill to incorporate the Detroit union society of carpenters and joiners, and that said bill as amended has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill authorizing the district board of fractional school district number one, in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford in the county of Calhoun, to borrow a certain sum of money ;

The bill to organize four counties in the upper peninsula, and define the boundaries thereof ;

The bill to establish a state road from the village of Flushing, Genesee county, to the village of Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw ;

The bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Ionia ; and

The joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents,

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill supplementary to, and amendatory of a bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds, was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

The bill to provide for a normal school instructor, was read twice and referred to the committee on education.

The Senate joint resolution proposing an amendment to section eight of article four of the constitution, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, was taken up, when

Mr. Lothrop moved to amend the first amendment by striking out the proviso thereto.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The bill and amendments were laid on the table.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill supplementary to, and amendatory of a bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due on the part paid five million loan bonds.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Mack,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following entitled bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Eaton Rapids plank road company ;

A bill to provide for the completion of the capitol buildings, and for the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriations therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan ;

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Fentonville, in county of Genesee, to Springfield, in Oakland county ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river ;

A bill to change the name of certain religious societies ;

A bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor manufacturing company ;

A bill to incorporate the New England mining company ;

A bill to incorporate the National mining company ;

A bill to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds ;

A bill to incorporate the Lake Superior mining company, of Eagle river ;

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie plank road company ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road between Fentonville and Springfield ;

A bill to extend the time for perfecting sales on property levied upon for delinquent taxes for the year 1847, in the village of Pontiac ;

A bill to change the time for the collection of taxes in the counties of Chippewa, Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, and for other purposes ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road from Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Byron, in the county of Shiawassee.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 1, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR—I am instructed to transmit to the House the following named bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill supplementary to an act to regulate and define the jurisdiction of the circuit and county courts ; and

A bill to amend chapters one hundred and four, one hundred and two, ninety-seven and one hundred and forty-nine, of the revised statutes of 1846 ;

A bill relative to circuit courts and for other purposes ; and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of William Mabrey.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill supplemental to an act to regulate and define the jurisdiction of the circuit and county courts ;

The Senate bill relative to circuit courts, and for other purposes ;
and

The Senate bill to amend chapters one hundred and four, one hundred and two, ninety-seven and one hundred and forty-nine of the revised statutes of 1846, were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of William Mabrey, was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

The following entitled bills and joint resolutions were severally read the third time and passed, viz :

A bill to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels ;

A joint resolution relative to the claim of John Keane ;

A joint resolution authorizing the Auditor General to draw a certain warrant ;

A joint resolution relative to statistical information of the insane, deaf, dumb and blind ;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Michigan to Ma-
son ;

A bill to authorize the county of Ingham to borrow a certain sum of money ;

A joint resolution relative to the sale of the mineral lands by the general government in the upper peninsula of Michigan ; and

A joint resolution relative to the Lake Michigan and Pacific rail road.

The joint resolution requiring the board of regents to publish their journal of proceedings in the state paper, for the use of the legislature, and for other purposes, was read the third time, and the question being on its passage, it was decided in the negative.

The following entitled bills were severally read the third time, and each passed by a two-thirds vote, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Flint and Fentonville plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Harrison and Jackson plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana plank road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Jackson mining company, of Jackson ;

A bill to incorporate the New Baltimore and Romeo plank road company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Marshall manufacturing company, in the county of Calhoun.

The following communication was announced :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 1, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House a joint resolution for an appropriation by the general government, which the Senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the the House therein.

I am also instructed to return to the House the following bills, which have been concurred in by the Senate, viz:

A bill to authorize Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate ;

A bill to incorporate the Mackinac and Lake Superior mining company ;

A bill to authorize Stephen V. Kinney to build a dam across Grand River ;

A bill to repeal a part of an act entitled an act to provide for establishing and improving the Pontiac and Grand River road ; and

A bill to authorize Luther B. Hill and Porter S. Pennel, to build a dam across the Thornapple river, on section thirty-one, township four north, of range nine west, in the county of Barry.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to authorize Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate ;

The bill to incorporate the Mackinac and Lake Superior mining company ;

The bill to authorize Stephen V. Kinney to build a dam across Grand River ;

The bill to repeal a part of an act entitled an act to provide for establishing and improving the Pontiac and Grand River road ; and

The bill to authorize Luther B. Hill and Porter S. Pennel to build a dam across the Thornapple river, on section thirty-one, township four north, of range nine west in the county of Barry ;

Were severally ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution for an appropriation by the general gov-

ernment, was read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Taylor, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848, which was read twice and ordered to be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The rules were suspended and the bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the bill to incorporate the president, directors and company, of the Peninsular Bank.

Mr. W. R. Martin moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. Russell,
Baldwin,	Kingsley,	Scott,
Barlow,	Mack,	Spencer,
Bennett,	W. R. Martin,	H. H. Stone,
Bingham,	Mathews,	Strong,
Blades,	McKinney,	Taylor,
Dennis,	Morris,	Turner,
Denton,	Mowry,	Voorheis,
Dodge,	Murray,	Warren,
Eldredge,	Noyes,	Williams,
Ferris,	Powell,	Speaker,
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NAYS.

Mr. Burnett,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Littlejohn,
Clark,	Howard,	Lothrop,
Crouse,	King,	H. Stone,
Emmons,	Lawrence,	Worden,
Harris,		
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Mr. Spencer moved to reconsider the last vote.

Mr. Emmons moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which motion was lost.

And the question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was decided in the negative.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 1, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir :—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit a bill to provide

for publishing notice of the sale of lands delinquent for taxes for the year 1846, in the county of Lapeer ; and

A bill to provide for settling the damages occasioned by the erection of dams for mills, where the waters thereof overflow adjacent lands, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to provide for publishing notice of the sale of lands delinquent for taxes for the year 1846, in the county of Lapeer, was read twice and referred to the committee on printing.

The Senate bill to provide for settling the damages occasioned by the erection of dams for mills, where the waters thereof overflow adjacent lands, was read twice and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Howard moved that leave be granted to Patrick and Vrooman to withdraw from the files of the House, the papers relative to their claims, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the bill granting to religious denominations of professing christians, suitable grounds in the town of Micnigan, owned by the state, whereon to erect houses of public worship, and the substitute therefor.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The third section of the substitute was stricken out.

The substitute was then adopted, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time, and was so read and passed.

The following messages were received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, April 1, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to inform the House that the Senate have adopted the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses relative to the bill to change the name of

the town of Michigan, and that they have receded from their amendment to the House amendment, and concurred in the same.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

Leave was granted to Samuel R. Munroe, to withdraw the papers relative to his claim, from the files of the House.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848, was taken from the table and referred to the committee of the whole.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the last named bill, Mr. Lawrence in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which leave was granted.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The House took a recess for one hour.

The time for which the House took a recess having elapsed, the Speaker resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The bill to incorporate the Union Church of Flushing,, was taken from the table ; and

It was ordered to be read the third time, was so read, and passed by a two-thirds vote.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The joint resolution relative to the Detroit and Pontiac rail road, was taken from the table.

Mr. Littlejohn moved to add the following proviso to the joint resolution, which motion prevailed, viz :

"*Provided further*, that nothing herein contained shall in any wise impair or injure any claims held by any person or persons against the Detroit and Pontiac rail road company."

Mr. Scott moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Eldredge, Granger, Hazen, King and Worden were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The Sergeant-at-arms was despatched after the absentees.

After a short time the Sergeant-at-arms returned and reported that the absentees were all present; and

On motion of Mr. Murray,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then being on ordering the joint resolution to be engrossed and read the third time, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Campbell,
Clark,
Crouse,
Dodge,
Ferris,
King,

Mr. Kingsley,
Lane,
Littlejohn,
M. B. Martin,
Mowry,
Murray,

Mr. Smith,
Taylor,
Terry,
Warren,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Bingham,
Blades,
Burnett,
Dennis,
Denton,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Harris,

Mr. Hazard,
Hazen,
Howard,
Lawrence,
Lothrop,
Mathews,
McKinney,
Morris,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patchen,

Mr. Powell,
Russell,
Scott,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
H. H. Stone,
Strong,
Turner,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Worden,

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Mr. Noyes moved that the last vote be reconsidered.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, which motion was lost; and

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was lost by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Campbell,
Clark,
Crouse,
Dodge,
Ferris,
Harris,
Hazen,
King,

Mr. Lane,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,
Mowry,
Murray,
Palmer,

Mr. Patchen,
Powell,
H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Warren,
Williams,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Emmons,	Mr. Noyes,
Baldwin,	Granger,	Russell,
Bennett,	Hazard,	Scott,
Bingham,	Howard,	Spencer,
Blades,	Kingsley,	H. H. Stone,
Burrett,	Lawrence,	Strong,
Dennis,	Mathews,	Turner,
Denton,	McKinney,	Voarhis,
Eldredge,	Morris,	Worden,
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Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That from and after this time, no member of this House shall speak more than ten minutes at any one time upon any question, nor more than once without the consent of the House.

Mr. Mack moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "ten" and inserting "five," which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend by striking out all after "speak" and inserting "at all," which motion was lost.

Mr. Taylor moved the previous question, which was demanded by a majority of the House, and the main question was ordered to be now put.

The main question being on the adoption of the resolution, was then put, and decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the bill to vacate a certain alley in the village of Union City, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

The following message was received from the Senate .

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 1, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to inform you that the Senate non-concur in the House amendments to the bill to amend chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of 1846, and that Senators Hart, Thomson, and Allen have been appointed a committee of conference on the part of the Senate, on the disagreement of the two Houses on said bill, and that the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

A committee of Conference was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to amend chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of 1846.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Terry, Harris and Campbell as such committee.

The joint resolution relative to the state prison buildings, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, the bill relative to the publication of the tax lists for Eaton county, for the year 1848.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Campbell moved that the bill be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

The question then being on ordering the bill to be read the third time, it was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Hazard,	Mr. H. Stone,
Barlow,	Lawrence,	Strong,
Bingham,	Littlejohn,	Taylor,
Burnett,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,
Crouse,	W. R. Martin,	Williams,
Dodge,	Murray,	Worden,
Harris,	Scott,	
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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Morris,
Blades,	Howard,	Mowry,
Campbell,	Kingsley,	Patchen,
Clark,	Lane,	Powell,
Dennis,	Lothrop,	Smith,
Denton,	Mack,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Mathews,	Speaker,
Granger,	McKinney,	
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Mr. Dennis moved that the last vote be reconsidered.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, which motion was lost ; and

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it prevailed.

The question then recurring on ordering the bill to be read the third time, it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Dodge,
Harris,
Hazard,

Mr. Hazen,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Murray,
Noyes,
Patchen,
Russell,

Mr. Scott,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Worden,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,
Blades,
Campbell,
Clark,
Denton,
Emmons,
Ferris,
Granger,

Mr. Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lothrop,
Mack,
Mathews,

Mr. McKinney,
Morris,
Mowry,
Powell,
Smith,
H. H. Stone,
Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Terry,

Leave was granted to Noah S. Harvey to withdraw from the files of the House, the papers relative to his claim.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, and recommended their passage, the bill relative to circuit courts, and for other purposes; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to revive the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes in certain counties, approved March 17, 1847.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the bills were severally ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Kingsley, from the same committee, reported back the joint resolution proposing an amendment to section eight, of article four, of the constitution.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The further consideration of the joint resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. H. Stone, from the committee on federal relations, reported back without amendment, the joint resolution for an appropriation by the general government.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged; and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The further consideration of the joint resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Kingsley moved that the action of the twenty-first rule be suspended for the remainder of the session, which motion prevailed.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to revive the poor laws, repealed by the revised statutes in certain counties, approved March 17, 1847, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Terry moved a call of the House, which was had, and Messrs. Bennett, Campbell, Clark, Denton, Emmons, Ferris, Harris, Kingsley, McKinney, Mowry, Murray, H. Stone, Turner, Voorheis, Warren and Worden, were absent without leave.

Mr. Blades asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Warren for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. H. H. Stone,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched after the absentees.

Many of the absentees having returned,

On motion of Mr. Scott,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The following entitled bills were then severally read the third time and passed, viz :

A bill to vacate a certain street in the village of Union City ;

A bill relative to circuit courts, and for other purposes ; and

A bill relative to the publication of tax lists for Eaton county, for the year 1848.

The following communication was announced :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 1, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return to the House a bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848, in which the Senate have concurred.

Also, to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the following bills and joint resolutions, and ordered the same to be enrolled :

A bill granting to religious denominations of professing christians and school districts suitable grounds in the town of Michigan, owned

by the state, whereon to erect houses of public worship and school houses ;

A bill to incorporate the Jackson mining company of Jackson ;

Joint resolution authorizing the Auditor General to draw a certain warrant ; and

Joint resolution relative to statistical information of the insane, deaf, dumb and blind.

I am also instructed to transmit to the House a concurrent resolution, rescinding number ten of the joint rules, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to inform the House that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the joint resolution relative to the state prison buildings, and ordered the same to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate concurrent resolution suspending the tenth joint rule, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The committee of the whole was discharged from the consideration of the bill to establish a branch of the university of Michigan as a state normal school.

Several amendments having been made to the bill,

Mr. Lane moved that all after the enacting clause of the bill be stricken out, which motion was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Bennett,
Burnett,
Clark,
Dennis,
Granger,
Harris,

Mr. Howard,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Mack,
M. B. Martin,

Mr. W. R. Martin,
Mowry,
H. H. Stone,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Worden,

NAYS.

Mr. Bingham,
Blades,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Eldredge,
Ferrie,
Hazard,
Hazen,
King,

Mr. Lothrop,
Mathews,
Morris,
Murray,
Noyes,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,

Mr. Russell,
Scott,
Smith,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Turner,
Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Murray,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Scott, from the committee on education, reported back the bill to provide for a school instructor, and reported adverse to its passage.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged; and

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Clark moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the consideration of the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Adrian insurance company, which motion was lost.

Mr. Murray from the committee on internal improvement, reported back sundry petitions which had been referred to that committee, and reported adverse to any legislative action thereon.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848, Mr. Lawrence in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported the bill back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

The amendments were concurred in, in gross, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. H. Stone asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Clark for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Dennis for Mr. Quackenboss, as above.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the further consideration of the bill to provide for statistical information, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time, was so read, and was passed.

Mr. Taylor moved to take from the table the bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, which motion was lost.

The following communications were announced from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, April 1, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the New England mining company ;

An act to incorporate the National mining company ;

An act to incorporate the Ann Arbor manufacturing company ;

An act to establish a state road from the village of Fentonville, in Genesee county, to Springfield, in Oakland county ;

An act to change the names of certain religious societies ; and

An act to extend the time for perfecting sales on property levied upon for delinquent taxes for the year 1847, in the village of Pontiac.

Also, an act to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and the interest due thereon, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds ; and

An act to provide for the completion of the capitol buildings, and the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriation therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 1, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill in relation to rooms for the supreme court in the city of Detroit, and for an armory and office for the Adjutant General.

Also, a joint resolution relative to a certain bond, which has passed the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return to the House a bill to organize the county of Sanilac, to which the Senate have made sundry amendments, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill in relation to rooms for the supreme court in the city of Detroit, and armory and office for the Adjutant General, was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Laid on the table.

The Senate amendments to the bill to organize the county of Sanilac, were concurred in, and the bill as amended, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution relative to a certain bond, was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The rules were suspended so as to enable the resolution to be now taken up for consideration.

Mr. Littlejohn moved to amend by striking out all after "1847," in the seventh line, which motion was lost ; and

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Emmons in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill relative to the last will and testament of the Rev. Gabriel Richard, deceased ;

A joint resolution authorizing a special session of the board of auditors ;

A bill to authorize Harriet Wolcott and Isaac B. Hathaway to convey certain real estate ;

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Edward G. Adderly ;

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Sheldon Mathews ;

A bill relative to insurances on lives for the benefit of married women ;

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Saginaw City, in the county of Saginaw ;

A bill for the relief of Nancy Butler ;

A bill to authorize Betsey Hitchcock and Milton R. Moore to convey certain real estate ;

A bill to prescribe the powers and regulate the proceedings of courts of justices of the peace ; and

A bill to incorporate the Macomb county mutual insurance company ; and

Also reported back with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill for the relief of George Buck ;

A bill to amend chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes ;

A bill to incorporate a bank in the village of Kalamazoo ;

A bill to extend certain provisions of chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes to patents and other conveyances ;

A bill to improve the navigation of the Grand River, in the town of Michigan, as a public highway ; and

A bill to limit the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil cases.

The bill to prescribe the powers and regulate the proceedings of courts of justices of the peace, was,

On motion of Mr. Terry,

Laid on the table.

The following entitled bills and joint resolutions were severally ordered to be read the third time, were so read and were passed :

A bill relative to the last will and testament of Gabriel Richard, deceased ;

A joint resolution authorizing a special session of the board of auditors ;

A bill to authorize Harriet Wolcott and Isaac B. Hathaway to convey certain real estate ;

A bill authorizing Betsey Hitchcock and Milton R. Moore to convey certain real estate ;

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Sheldon Mathews ;

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Edward G. Adderly ;

A bill relative to insurances on lives for the benefit of married women ;

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Michigan in the county of Ingham, to Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw ; and

A bill for the relief of Nancy Butler.

The bill to improve the navigation of Grand River, in the town of Michigan as a public highway, was

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Laid on the table.

The bill to incorporate the Macomb county mutual insurance company, was ordered to be read the third time, was so read, and was passed by a two-thirds vote.

The amendments to the following entitled bills, striking out all after the enacting clause, were concurred in, and their further consideration was indefinitely postponed, viz :

A bill to extend certain provisions of chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes to patents and other conveyances ;

A bill to incorporate a bank in the village of Kalamazoo ;

A bill to amend chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes ; and

A bill to limit the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil cases.

The amendment reported to the bill for the relief George Buck was concurred in, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

Mr. Lothrop asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. McKinney for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Burnett moved that leave of absence be granted to Mr. Lawrence for the remainder of the session, which motion was lost.

Mr. Terry asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Lane for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848, was correctly engrossed, and the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Crouse, from the committee on internal improvement, reported

beck without amendment, the bill to provide for the improvement of the state road between Shiawassee village and Flint.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill was ordered to be read the third time, was read and passed.

Mr. Crouse, from the same committee, reported back without amendment, the bill to appropriate certain internal improvement lands to improve the Northern wagon road from Lyons to Corunna.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

On motion of Mr. Powell,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. H. H. Stone,

The House adjourned.

Monday, April 3, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hill.

On calling the roll, Messrs. Brown, Carver, Clark, Dimond, Enos, Frazer, Mulhollen, Patterson, Pierce, Quackenboss, St. John, Vickery, Warren and Young were absent on leave, and Messrs. Hazen and Mathews were absent without leave.

Mr. Williams asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Hazen for the remainder of the session.

Mr. H. H. Stone, from the committee on claims, reported back without amendment, the joint resolution relative to the claim of William Mabrey.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

The joint resolution was ordered to be read the third time, was so read, and was passed.

Mr. H. H. Stone, from the same committee, reported a joint resolution relative to the claim of Whitney Jones, which was read twice, ordered to be read the third time, and was so read, and passed.

Mr. Harris, from the committee on internal improvement, reported back the petition of Lewis H. Sturges and others, for the construction of a certain canal, and reported adverse to the prayer of the petition,

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 1, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bills and joint resolution, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein :

A bill in relation to the publication of the tax list for Eaton county, for the year 1848 ;

A bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Union City ; and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Joab Page.

I am also instructed to return to the House a bill to amend an act entitled an act to revive the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes in certain counties, approved March 17, 1847, to which the Senate have made an amendment, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill in relation to the publication of the tax list for Eaton county, for the year 1848 ;

The bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Union City ; and

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Joab Page, were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate amendment to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to revive the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes in certain counties, approved March 17, 1847, was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

The following communications were received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 3, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to return the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have non-concurred therein, viz :

A bill for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, to the village of Allegan, in Allegan county ;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Oakland ;
 A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Barry ;
 A bill to provide for the improvement of the Monroe and Grand
 River road ;

A bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Washtenaw ;

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for draining a certain marsh ;

A bill to provide for the improvement of the Marshall and Charlotte road ; and

A bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands to construct roads and bridges, or for draining swamps and marshes, in Calhoun county.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Southern rail road company, and that said bill as amended has been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
 Michigan, April 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill to incorporate the New Baltimore and Romeo plank road company ; and

A bill to incorporate the Marshall manufacturing company, in the county of Calhoun.

I am further instructed to transmit to the House the following entitled bill and joint resolution, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill to provide for the payment of the interest on certain lands of this state ; and

A joint resolution relative to certain lands.

I am further instructed to return the following entitled bills, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein :

A bill to authorize Betsey Hitchcock and Milton R. Moore to convey certain real estate ;

A bill to provide for statistical information ;

A bill to authorize Harriet Wolcott and Isaac B. Hathaway to convey certain real estate ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company ;

A bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company ;
and

A bill to vacate a certain alley in the village of Byron.

Also, to return a bill to amend an act entitled an act authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue new certificates for school and university lands in certain cases, and to inform you that the Senate have non-concurred therein.

I am further instructed to return the following entitled bills, to which the Senate have made sundry amendments, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked, viz :

A bill making appropriation for the salaries of the state officers for the year 1848 ; and

A bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846.

I am further instructed to transmit to the House the following entitled bills and joint resolution, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill to create a board of fund commissioners, and to define their powers and duties ;

A bill to authorize Cholett Cady, Jonathan Hart and Isaac Merritt to build a dam across Kalamazoo river on section sixteen, in the township of Battle Creek ;

Joint resolution recommending the establishment of a new land office in the upper peninsula of this state ; and

A bill to establish an asylum for the deaf and dumb and blind, and also an asylum for the insane of the state of Michigan.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the New Baltimore and Romeo plank road company ;

The bill to incorporate the Marshall manufacturing company ;

The bill to authorize Betsey Hitchcock and Milton R. Moore to convey certain real estate ;

The bill to provide for statistical information ;

The bill to authorize Harriet Wolcott and Isaac B. Hathaway to convey certain real estate ;

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company ;

The bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company ; and

The bill to vacate a certain alley in the village of Byron ;
Were severally ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to establish an asylum for the deaf and dumb and blind, and also an asylum for the insane of the state of Michigan, was read twice and referred to the committee on state affairs.

The Senate bill to authorize Cholett Cady, Jonathan Hart and Isaac Merritt, to build a dam across Kalamazoo river, in the township of Battle Creek, was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The Senate bill to provide for the payment of the interest on certain bonds of this state, and

The bill to create a board of fund commissioners, and to define their powers and duties ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

The joint resolution recommending the establishment of a new land office in the upper peninsula of this state, was read twice and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The joint resolution relative to certain lands, was read twice and referred to the committee on public lands.

The bill making appropriation for the salaries of the state officers for the year 1848, together with the Senate amendments thereto, was,

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Laid on the table.

dam across the Thorndapple river, on section thirty-one, township four north, of range nine west, in the county of Barry ;

The bill to repeal a part of an act entitled an act to provide for establishing and improving the Pontiac and Grand River road ;

The bill relative to the publication of tax lists for Eaton county for the year 1848 ;

The bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Union City ;

The bill to incorporate the Mackinac and Lake Superior mining company ;

The bill to authorize Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate ;

The bill to establish a state road from the village of Flushing, Genesee county, to the village of Saginaw in the county of Saginaw ;

The joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents ;

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company ;

The bill to vacate a certain alley in the village of Byron ;

The bill to authorize Harriet Wolcott and Isaac B. Hathaway to convey certain real estate ;

The bill to provide for statistical information ;

The bill to incorporate the New Baltimore and Romeo plank road company ; and

The bill to incorporate the Marshall manufacturing company, in the county of Calhoun.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to provide for the payment of the interest on certain bonds of this state.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged ; and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time, was so read, and was passed.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the same committee, reported back with an amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The amendment reported was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be read the third time; was so read and was passed.

The Speaker announced the following communication :

SENATE CHAMBER; }
Michigan, April 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed to transmit a joint resolution relative to the Detroit and Pontiac rail road, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am also instructed to return the bill to incorporate the Macomb county mutual insurance company ; and

A bill for the relief of Nancy Butler, in which the Senate have concurred.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Macomb county mutual insurance company ; and

The bill for the relief of Nancy Butler ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the Detroit and Pontiac rail road, was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill to create a board of fund commissioners, and to define their powers and duties.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged ; and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time, was so read and was passed.

Mr. Littlejohn, from the committee on ways and means, reported back without amendment and recommended its passage, the bill authorizing the assessment and collection of certain taxes in the township of Bertrand, in Berrien county.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

The bill was ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The following resolution was taken from the table :

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be continued to the Congregational and Methodist Episcopal Churches, during the present year, for the purpose of public worship on the Sabbath.

Mr. Spencer moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting the following, which motion prevailed.

"That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorized to take the care and supervision of the room occupied the present session by the House of Representatives, till the first Monday of January next, with authority to suffer the same to be used as a place for religious worship, under such regulations and restrictions as he may deem proper : Provided, before such use, the carpets are taken up and subsequently replaced, at the expense of those who use the rooms.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The bill to establish a branch of the university as a state normal school, was taken from the table.

Mr. Baldwin moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,
Barlow,
Bennett,
Burnett,
Dennis,
Denton,

Mr. Granger,
Harris,
Howard,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,

Mr. M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mowry,
H. H. Stone,
Williams,
Worden,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bingham,
Blades,
Campbell,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Ferris,
King,
Littlejohn,

Mr. Lothrop,
Morris,
Murray,
Palmer,
Patchen,
Powell,
Russell,
Scott,

Mr. Smith,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Strong,
Taylor,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Speaker,

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The question then recurring on ordering the bill to be read the third time, it was decided in the negative by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Bingham, Blades, Campbell, Eldredge, Ferris, King, Littlejohn,	Mr. Lothrop, Morris, Palmer, Patchen, Powell, Scott, Smith,	Mr. Spencer, H. Stone, Strong, Taylor, Turner, Speaker,	20
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NAYS.

Mr. Baker, Baldwin, Barlow, Bennett, Burnett, Dennis, Denton, Dodge,	Mr. Emmons, Granger, Harris, Howard, Kingsley, Lane, Lawrence,	Mr. Mack, M. B. Martin, W. R. Martin, Mowry, H. H. Stone, Williams, Worden,	22
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Mr. Littlejohn presented a report from the Superintendent of the Michigan Central College, which was read, and ordered to be printed with the documents of the House.

Mr. Terry, from the joint committee, composed of the committees on the judiciary of the two Houses, reported a joint resolution relative to certain lots in the town of Michigan, which was read twice, when

Mr. Scott moved that its further consideration be indefinitely postponed, which motion was decided in the negative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Eldredge, Howard, Lane,	Mr. Littlejohn, Lothrop, Scott,	Mr. Spencer, H. H. Stone, Speaker,	9
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NAYS.

Mr. Baker, Baldwin, Barlow, Bennett, Blades, Burnett, Campbell, Crouse, Dennis,	Mr. Harris, Hazard, King, Kingsley, Lawrence, Mack, W. R. Martin, Mathews, McKinney,	Mr. Patchen, Powell, Russell, Smith, H. Stone, Strong, Taylor, Terry, Turner,
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Denton,
Dodge,
Emmons,
Ferris,

Morris,
Mowry,
Murray,
Palmer,

Voorheis,
Williams,
Worden,

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The joint resolution was ordered to be read the third time, when Mr. Scott moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost, and

The joint resolution was read the third time and passed.

The following communication was announced :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, April 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to transmit to the House the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz :

A bill to regulate the practice of the county and circuit courts of the state of Michigan, and for other purposes ; and

A bill providing for the trial of criminals without indictment by grand jury.

I am further instructed to return the following entitled bills, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, viz :

A bill relative to the last will and testament of the Rev. Gabriel Richard, deceased ; and

A bill further to provide for the organization of the township of Grosse Point.

I am further instructed to inform the House that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to the bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved March 17, 1847, and have ordered the same to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill relative to the last will and testament of the Rev. Gabriel Richard, deceased ; and

The bill further to provide for the organization of the township of Grosse Point,

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to regulate the practice of the county and circuit courts of the state of Michigan, and for other purposes ; and

The Senate bill providing for the trial of criminals without indictments by grand jury ;

Were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill to encourage the publication of the reports of the geological and lineal surveys and accompanying maps of the upper peninsula of Michigan, was taken from the table, and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time, was so read and passed.

Mr. Eldredge moved that the vote by which the further consideration of the joint resolution relative to certain lands, was indefinitely postponed, be reconsidered, which motion prevailed, and

The question recurring on the indefinite postponement, it was decided in the negative.

The joint resolution was then ordered to be read the third time, was so read and was passed.

Mr. Voorheis, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

The bill for the relief of George Buck ; and

The bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the joint resolution relative to the claim of Charles L. Bird and Joseph A. Kent, and

The joint resolution was ordered to be read the third time, was so read and was passed.

Mr. Terry, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, the bill supplementary to an act to regulate and define the jurisdiction of the circuit and county courts.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the bill be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Lothrop moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Lothrop moved to amend the bill by striking out the fourth section, which was not agreed to.

The bill was then ordered to be read the third time, and was so read, when

Mr. Emmons moved that it be recommitted to the committee on the judiciary, which motion was lost; and

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill was laid on the table.

The following message was received from the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed to transmit a bill to provide for publishing notice of the sale of lands delinquent for taxes for the year 1846, in the county of Lapeer; and

A bill to lay out a certain state road from Marshall to Eaton Rapids, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am further instructed to return the bill making appropriation to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1846, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return the bill to prevent the circulation of foreign notes, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to prevent the circulation of foreign notes, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill, to provide for publishing notice of the sale of lands delinquent for taxes for the year 1846, in the county of Lapeer, was read twice and referred to the committee on printing.

The Senate bill to lay out a certain state road from Marshall to Eaton Rapids, was read twice, ordered to be read the third time, and was so read and passed.

The bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1846, was

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Littlejohn moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the consideration of the bill to amend chapter one hundred and seventy two of the revised statutes, which motion prevailed, and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time, was so read and was passed.

Mr. Emmons moved to take from the table the bill in relation to rooms for the supreme court in the city of Detroit and armory and office for the Adjutant General, which motion prevailed, and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time, was so read and was passed.

Mr. Lothrop offered the following resolution, which was rejected, viz :

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into and report to this House, whether the bill entitled an act to regulate and define the jurisdiction of the circuit and county courts has been approved by the Executive, and has at this time become a law.

Mr. Emmons moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the consideration of the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for making slack water navigation in the river Huron, from the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to Lake Erie, in the county of Wayne, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848, was taken from the table, and the question being on concurring in the Senate amendment thereto,

The first and second amendments were concurred in, and third amendment was non-concurred in, and the fourth amendment was concurred in with amendments.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return the joint resolution in relation to certain lots in the town of Michigan ;

Joint resolution relative to the claim of Bird and Kent, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein; and

A bill to establish a state road from the village of Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Saginaw City, in the county of Saginaw, in which the Senate have concurred.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill and joint resolutions returned in the foregoing communication were ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following bills and joint resolutions were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson ;

A bill to organize the county of Sanilac ;

A bill to organize four counties in the upper peninsula, and to define the boundaries of the same ;

A bill further to provide for the organization of the township of Grosse Point ;

A bill to authorize Betsey Hitchcock and Milton R. Moore, to convey certain real estate ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to revive the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes in certain counties, approved March 17, 1847 ;

A bill for the relief of Nancy Butler ;

A bill relative to the last will and testament of the Rev. Gabriel Richard, deceased ; and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Joab Page.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill supplementary to an act to regulate and define the jurisdiction of circuit and county courts, was taken from the table ; and

The question being on its passage, it was passed by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Granger,	Mr. Mowry,
Bingham,	Hazard,	Russell,
Blades,	Kingsley,	Smith,
Burnett,	Lane,	Strong,
Crouse,	Lawrence,	Taylor,
Denton,	M. B. Martin,	Terry,
Eldredge,	W. R. Martin,	Voorheis,
Emmons,	Mathews,	Williams,
Ferris,	McKinney,	Speaker, 27

NAYS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lothrop,	Mr. Patchen,
Harris,	Morris,	Scott,
Howard,	Murray,	H. Stone,
Littlejohn,	Palmer,	Worden, 12

Mr. Terry, from the committee of conference on the part of the House, on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to amend chapter sixteen of the revised statutes, made a report, which was concurred in, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Littlejohn presented the petition of seventy-three citizens of Lenawee county, for the repeal of the law for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands in said county, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Eldredge moved that the committee on the judiciary be instructed to report a bill in accordance with the prayer of the petitions, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize any person to construct lines of electric telegraph in the state of Michigan, was taken from the table; and

The bill was ordered to be read the third time, was so read and was passed.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill making appropriations for the salaries of the state officers for 1848, was taken from the table, and the Senate amendments thereto were concurred in, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, which was read twice, when

Mr. Emmons moved that it be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Dennis moved that all after the enacting clause be stricken out, which motion did not prevail.

The bill was then ordered to be read the third time, was so read and passed.

On motion of Mr. Emmons,

The joint resolution relative to the Detroit and Pontiac rail road, was taken from the table.

Mr. Lawrence moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "provided such sum shall not be less than twenty-five thousand dollars," which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution was then ordered to be read the third time, was so read, and was passed.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, April 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House a bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties of the state, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate bill to provide for the establishing of temporary normal schools or teachers' institutes in the several counties of this state, was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Its further consideration was indefinitely postponed.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, April 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit herewith a bill to authorize Sarah W. Parsons, Louisa W. Shafer, Sarah Wait and Charles D. Wait, to convey certain real estate ;

Joint resolution relative to the claim of George Field ; and

Joint resolution for the relief of George Buck ;

Which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am further instructed to inform you that House amendments to the bill supplementary to an act to regulate and define the jurisdiction of the county and circuit courts, have been concurred in, and that the bill as amended has been ordered to be enrolled.

Also, to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to amend chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of 1846, and that said bill has been ordered to be enrolled.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate refuse to recede from their third amendment to the bill making appropriation to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848 ; that they have concurred in the third, sixth, seventh and eighth amendments of the House, to the fourth Senate amendment to said bill ; and have non-concurred in the first, second, fourth and fifth House amendments to said Senate amendment, and Senators Hart, Schwarz and Allen have been appointed a committee of conference on the part of the Senate, on the disagreement of the two Houses on said bill, and request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Lothrop moved the appointment of a committee of conference on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848, which motion prevailed ; and

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Lothrop, Farnons and Spencer, as such committee.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of George Field, was read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Its further consideration was indefinitely postponed.

The Senate bill to authorize Sarah W. Parsons, Louisa W. Shafer,

Sarah Wait and Charles D. Wait, to convey certain real estate, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Taylor moved to take from the table the bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, which motion prevailed ; and

The question being on striking out the proviso to the Senate amendment to the bill, it was stricken out, and the amendment as amended was then concurred in.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back with an amendment, the bill to authorize Sarah W. Parsons, Louisa W. Shafer, Sarah Wait and Charles D. Wait, to convey certain real estate.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and
The amendment reported was concurred in.

Mr. Baldwin moved that all after the enacting clause of the bill be stricken out, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary with instructions.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following entitled bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

A bill to prevent the circulation of foreign notes ;

A bill for the relief of George Buck ;

A joint resolution in relation to certain lots in the town of Michigan ;
and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Charles L. Bird and Joseph A Kent.

On motion of Mr. H. Stone,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the bill relative to the village of Hillsdale, and the bill was ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,
Bingham,
Burnett,
Campbell,

Mr. King,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,

Mr. Russell,
Scott,
Smith,
H. Stone,

Crouse,
Dennis,
Dodge,
Ferris,
Granger,
Harris,

Mack,
M. B. Martin,
W. R. Martin,
Mowry,
Murray,
Powell,

H. H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Williams,
Worden,

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NAYS.

Mr. Baker,
Baldwin,

Mr. Denton,
Mathews,

Mr. Morris,
Voorheis,

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Mr. Scott moved to take from the table the bill to improve the navigation of Grand River, in the town of Michigan, as a public highway, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Dodge,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be and is hereby directed to deliver to the member from Chippewa certain papers which were used in the case of the contested seat of H. M. Dodge and Andrew Harvie, and papers belonging to the office of the county clerk of Chippewa county, and now on file in the House.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-arms be requested to call at the printing office and direct the requisite number of the reports of the Commissioner of the Land Office in relation to the unsold internal improvement lands, to be printed for distribution to the members.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of all bills and joint resolutions on the general order, and they were taken up in the House and disposed of as follows:

The further consideration of the bill to amend chapter ninety of the revised statutes of 1846, was,

On motion of Mr. Denton,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the bill to amend the law relating to religious societies, was,

On motion of Mr. Mack,

Indefinitely postponed.

The bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Berrien to construct and maintain certain bridges, was ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed.

The amendments reported by the committee on banks and incor-

porations to the bill to authorize the corporation of Adrian to borrow a certain sum of money, were concurred in, the bill was ordered to third reading, read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Murray,
Bennett,	Howard,	Noyes,
Bingham,	King,	Russell,
Burnett,	Kingsley,	Scott,
Campbell,	Lane,	Smith,
Crouse,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Dennis,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Denton,	Lothrop,	H. H. Stone,
Dodge,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Eldredge,	Mathews,	Terry,
Emmons,	Morris,	Voorheis,
Ferris,	Mowry,	Williams,
Granger,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Powell,

1

Mr. Eldredge moved that the bill to legalize the acts of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the town of Hadley, in the county of Lapeer, be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion did not prevail ; and

The bill was ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. King,	Mr. Noyes,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Blades,	Lane,	Smith,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Terry,
Granger,	Murray,	Voorheis,

18

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Emmons,	Mr. Powell,
Baldwin,	Ferris,	Scott,
Campbell,	Harris,	Spencer,
Crouse,	Lawrence,	H. H. Stone,
Denton,	Littlejohn,	Williams,
Dodge,	Morris,	

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The further consideration of the bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Green Bay to Lake Superior, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses thereof, was,

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the bill to amend chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, was,

On motion of Mr. Denton,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the joint resolution authorizing the Auditor General to discharge certain mortgages, was,

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the bill relative to common schools, was,

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes, and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847, was,

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for making slack water navigation on the river Huron, from the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to Lake Erie, in the county of Wayne, was

On motion of Mr. Powell,

Indefinitely postponed.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Adrian insurance company, was ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,
Bingham,
Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Dennia,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Ferris,

Mr. Granger,
Harris,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
W. R. Martin,
Mowry,

Mr. Noyes,
Palmer,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Worden,

porations to the bill to authorize the corporation of Adrian to borrow a certain sum of money, were concurred in, the bill was ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Murray,
Bennett,	Howard,	Noyes,
Bingham,	King,	Russell,
Burnett,	Kingsley,	Scott,
Campbell,	Lane,	Smith,
Crouse,	Lawrence,	Spencer,
Dennis,	Littlejohn,	H. Stone,
Denton,	Lothrop,	H. H. Stone,
Dodge,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Eldredge,	Mathews,	Terry,
Emmons,	Morris,	Voorheis,
Ferris,	Mowry,	Williams,
Granger,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Powell,

1

Mr. Eldredge moved that the bill to legalize the acts of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the town of Hadley, in the county of Lapeer, be laid on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Littlejohn moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion did not prevail ; and

The bill was ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. King,	Mr. Noyes,
Bingham,	Kingsley,	Russell,
Blades,	Lane,	Smith,
Dennis,	M. B. Martin,	Taylor,
Eldredge,	Mowry,	Terry,
Granger,	Murray,	Voorheis,

18

NAYS.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Emmons,	Mr. Powell,
Baldwin,	Ferris,	Scott,
Campbell,	Harris,	Spencer,
Crouse,	Lawrence,	H. H. Stone,
Denton,	Littlejohn,	Williams,
Dodge,	Morris,	

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The further consideration of the bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Green Bay to Lake Superior, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses thereof, was,

On motion of Mr. Kingsley,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the bill to amend chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, was,

On motion of Mr. Denton,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the joint resolution authorizing the Auditor General to discharge certain mortgages, was,

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the bill relative to common schools, was,

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes, and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847, was,

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for making slack water navigation on the river Huron, from the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to Lake Erie, in the county of Wayne, was

On motion of Mr. Powell,

Indefinitely postponed.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Adrian insurance company, was ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Bennett,
Bingham,
Blades,
Burnett,
Campbell,
Crouse,
Dennis,
Dodge,
Eldredge,
Emmons,
Ferria,

Mr. Granger,
Harris,
Howard,
King,
Kingsley,
Lane,
Lawrence,
Littlejohn,
Lothrop,
W. R. Martin,
Mowry,

Mr. Noyes,
Palmer,
Russell,
Smith,
Spencer,
H. Stone,
Taylor,
Terry,
Voorheis,
Williams,
Worden,

NAYS.

Mr. Baldwin,
Morris,

Mr. Powell,

Mr. Scott,

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The further consideration of the bill to provide for ascertaining county and township expenses, and for other purposes, was,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the bill relative to free schools in the city of Detroit, was,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

Indefinitely postponed.

The further consideration of the bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide against the recovery of damages done by beasts on lands which are not enclosed by a lawful fence, approved March 17, 1847, and for other purposes, was,

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

Indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back with an amendment, the bill to authorize Sarah W. Parsons, Louisa W. Shafer, Sarah Wait and Charles D. Wait, to convey certain real estate.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the amendment reported was concurred in.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Lothrop, from the committee of conference on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848, made a report, which was concurred in.

Mr. Emmons moved to take from the table the bill to improve the navigation of Grand River, in the town of Michigan, as a public highway, which motion prevailed; and

On motion of Mr. Lawrence,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 3, 1849. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to return to the House a bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate do not concur in the amendment of the House to the Senate amendment.

I am further instructed to return the bill to amend an act entitled an act authorizing any person to construct lines of electric telegraph in the state of Michigan, and to inform you that the Senate have non-concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,
Secretary of the Senate.

The House insisted on their amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands ; and

On motion of Mr. Taylor.

A committee of conference was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill, and the appointment of a like committee was asked on the part of the Senate.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Taylor, Eldredge and Lawrence as such committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill to authorize Cholett Cady, Jonathan Hart and Isaac Merritt to build a dam across Kalamazoo river, on section twelve, in the township of Battle Creek, was taken from the table ; and

It was ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the bill making appropriations for the salaries of state officers for the year 1848, was correctly enrolled, and was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Michigan, April 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return herewith a bill concerning the village of Hillsdale, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Also to return a bill to incorporate the Marshall and Union City railroad company, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in House amendments to the bill to authorize the corporation of the village of Adrian to borrow a certain sum of money for the purposes therein named ; and

A bill to authorize Sarah W. Parsons, Louisa W. Shafer, Sarah Wait and Charles D. Wait to convey certain lands, and that said bills as amended have been ordered to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill concerning the village of Hillsdale, was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Terry,

The bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ontario transportation company, was taken from the table.

Mr. Eldredge moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the negative, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back the bill providing for the trial of criminals without indictment by grand jury, in certain cases, and reported adverse to its passage.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. King, from the committee on supplies and expenditures, made the following report, which was accepted and the committee discharged :

"The committee on supplies and expenditures, agreeably to a resolution passed fourth January, respectfully report:

That the whole amount of purchases made by the committee, is four hundred and seven dollars and forty-four cents. Of this sum fifty-three dollars and forty-four cents was for the purchase of a table, thermometer, maps, enrolling paper, &c., leaving the balance of three hundred and fifty-four dollars, the amount of stationery distributed among the members and officers of the House. This is a fraction less than five dollars to each. This result will show that the committee have studied and practiced a rigid economy."

The following messages were announced from the Governor :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan April 3, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Grand River plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Monroe and Erie plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Clinton and Bad River plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Detroit and Utica plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Lapeer and Pontiac plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Tecumseh and Jackson plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Romeo and Lapeer plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Union City plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Detroit and Erie plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Portland and Michigan plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Sterling plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Owasso and Bad River plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Detroit and Birmingham plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Monroe plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Rochester and Royal Oak plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Paw Paw plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Monroe and Saline plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Black Lake plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Michigan and De Witt plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Adrian and Union City plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Adrian and Jackson plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Adrian and Bean Creek plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Adrian and White Pigeon plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Eaton Rapids plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Michigan plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie plank road company ;

An act to incorporate the New Britmore and Romeo plank road company.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, April 3, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act appropriating certain internal improvement lands for constructing a free bridge across the Clinton river, in the village of Pontiac ;

An act to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Corunna in the county of Shiawassee ;

An act providing for internal improvement in the county of Lenawee ;

An act to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne, to repair or rebuild the two draw bridges over the river Rouge, the one in the township of Greenfield and the other in the township of Springwells, in said county.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

Mr. Kingsley, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back without amendment, the bill to regulate the practice in circuit and county courts.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The following communication was announced :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed to return herewith, joint resolution relative to the claim of Whitney Jones ; and

The bill to continue for a limited time the charter of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, and for other purposes, and to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have appointed a committee of conference, consisting of Senators Hart, Shoemaker, and Sinclair, on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for draining swamps, marshes and other low lands.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill making appropriation to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848 ;

The bill to continue for a limited time the charter of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, and for other purposes ; and

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Whitney Jones ;

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Michigan, April 3, 1848. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to change the time for the collection of taxes in the counties of Chippewa, Marquette, Houghton, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon, and for other purposes ;

An act to provide for statistical information ;

An act to establish a state road from the village of Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Saginaw City, in the county of Saginaw ;

An act to authorize Stephen V. Kinney to build a dam across Grand River ;

An act to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Ionia ;

An act to incorporate the Lake Superior mining company ;

An act to incorporate the Marshall manufacturing company, in the county of Calhoun ;

An act to authorize Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate ;

An act to vacate a certain alley in the village of Byron ;

An act to authorize Harriet Wolcott and Isaac B. Hathaway to convey certain real estate ;

A act to establish a state road from the village of Flushing, Genesee county, to the village of Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw ;

An act to incorporate the Mackinac and Lake Superior mining company ;

An act to repeal a part of an act entitled an act to provide for establishing and improving the Pontiac and Grand River road ;

A joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents ;

An act to vacate certain streets in the village of Union City ;

An act to organize the county of Sanilac ;

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Joab Page;

An act to organize four counties in the upper peninsula and define the boundaries of the same ;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to revive the poor laws repealed by the revised statutes in certain counties ;

An act to authorize Betsey Hitchcock and Milton R. Moore to convey certain real estate ;

An act for the relief of Nancy Butler ;

An act relative to the last will and testament of the Rev. Gabriel Richard, deceased ;

An act further to provide for the organization of the township of Groase Point ;

An act authorizing the district board of fractional school district number one, in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun, to borrow a certain sum of money ;

An act to authorize Luther B. Hill and Porter S. Pennel to build a dam across the Thornapple river, on section thirty-one, township four north, of range nine west, in the county of Barry ;

A joint resolution in relation to certain lots in the town of Michigan.

Also an act for the relief of George Buck ;

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Charles L. Bird and Joseph A. Kent ;

A joint resolution relative to the Detroit and Pontiac rail road ;

An act to prevent the circulation of foreign notes ;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson ;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Central rail road and to incorporate the Michigan Central rail road company.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following entitled bills were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Macomb county mutual insurance company ; and

A bill concerning the village of Hillsdale.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Michigan, April 3, 1848. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed to transmit a bill to amend chapter one hundred and fifty of the revised statutes of 1846, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, viz : that the Senate recede from their former action on the House amendment to the Senate amendment to said bill, and concur in the said House amendment.

I am further instructed to return House bill to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, and to inform you that the Senate non-concur therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. SMITH,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, was ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate bill to amend chapter one hundred and fifty of the revised statutes of 1846, was read twice, when

Mr. Mathews moved that all after the enacting clause be stricken out, which prevailed ; and

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The further consideration of the enacting clause was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Eldredge moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the further consideration of the bill to regulate the practice in the circuit and county courts was indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported that the following entitled bills and joint resolution were correctly enrolled, and were this day presented to the Governor for his approval, viz :

The bill to continue for a limited time the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, and for other purposes';

The bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846;

The bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company;

The bill relative to the last will and testament of the Rev. Gabriel Richard, deceased;

The bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1848; and

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Whitney Jones.

Mr. Taylor being in the chair,

Mr. Murray offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be tendered to the Hon. A. W. Buel, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations, and for the kind and courteous demeanor which he has manifested towards the members of this body.

Mr. Littlejohn offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due to A. W. Hovey, Clerk of this House, and G. W. Jewett, Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk, for the faithful and prompt discharge of the duties devolved upon them respectively.

A committee from the Senate was announced, consisting of Senators Fitzgerald and Thomson, who informed the House that the Senate had no further business before it, and was now ready to adjourn *sine die*.

Mr. Emmons offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are hereby tendered to Rev. Mr. Hill, and Rev. Mr. Sanford for their prayers during the present session.

Mr. Eldredge moved the appointment of a committee to wait on the Senate and inform them that the House had no further business before it, and was now ready to adjourn *sine die*, which motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed as such committee, Messrs. Eldredge and Terry, who after a short absence returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned to them.

The following communications were announced :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, April 3, 1848.

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act making appropriations for the salaries of the state officers for the year 1848 ;

A joint resolution relative to certain lands ;

An act to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company ;

An act concerning the village of Hilledale ;

An act to incorporate the Macomb county mutual insurance company ; and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Whitney Jones.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, April 3, 1848.

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend the revised statutes of eighteen hundred and forty-six ;

An act making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Michigan, April 3, 1848.

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company ;

An act to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands.

EPAPHRO. RANSOM.

Mr. Eldredge moved the appointment of a committee on the part of the House to act with a like committee on the part of the Senate, to wait on the Executive and inform him that the two Houses have agreed.

further business before them, and ask if he has any communication to make.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Eldredge and Kingsley as such committee, who after a short absence, returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and had received for answer that the Executive had no further communication to make.

Mr. Smith moved that the House adjourn sine die.

The Speaker then resumed the chair, and addressed the House as follows :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

That period of our session has arrived, with which our labors are about to terminate. I am pleased to avail myself of that precedent which permits me now to express those spontaneous emotions of the heart, which for the moment overcome the mind, and close its avenues to the ordinary duties of legislation.

The sacred trust reposed in us by the people has now been discharged : Heaven grant that it has not been betrayed, and that our labors may promote the welfare and honor of Michigan. Though far removed from the populous portions of our state, the public eye has yet been upon us. That your acts may be crowned with public prosperity as their fruit, and public approbation as their reward, is the earnest hope of him whose fortune it has been to preside over your deliberations.

This session, like almost every other, has had its days of interest. They brought with them their excitements, which I am happy in believing passed away with the occasion that gave them birth. They brought with them, too, their embarrassments and responsibilities ; but that confidence which first imposed upon me the burden of delicate cares and duties, I shall ever be proud to remember, has sustained me even to the approaching moments of our separation.

If I have erred in the discharge of my duties, I desire to assure you, that I have ever been actuated by a determination to observe the strictest impartiality, and to conduct your deliberations in a manner most consistent with despatch, safety and order. If I have been successful, I cannot refrain from expressing my great obligations for the efficient aid of an experienced clerk, and above all, for your constant co-operation, your friendly and official confidence.

The relations here established—the ties here joined, though official in their origin, have ripened into bonds of personal union, which death alone can sunder. That you may, each and all, be ever blessed with health, prosperity and happiness, is the heartfelt wish of him who has been so much honored by your distinguished favor, and the emotions of whose heart seem now to forbid the utterance of the parting salutation—FAREWELL.

And the House adjourned, *sine die*.

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- Bill authorizing Alexander McLeod to construct a canal from the river Cheboygan to Lake Huron, 353, 393, 498, 499, 508, 509, 510, 544, 545, 562, 569.
- Bill providing for the appropriation of certain internal improvement lands on the state road leading from Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to the eastern boundary line of Lapeer county, 353, 375, 468, 472, 490, 504, 506, 521, 608, 609, 614.
- Bill to organize the county of Sanilac, 354, 375, 468, 472, 481, 708, 726, 741.
- Bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Mary's canal company, 355, 356, 360, 364, 365.
- Bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh and Boston mining company, 355, 356, 362, 457, 459, 464, 477, 478.
- Bill to incorporate the Rochester and Royal Oak plank road company, 356, 506, 514, 515, 533, 550, 577, 615, 738.
- Bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of Flat river, 356, 380, 532, 602, 615, 633, 680, 693.
- Bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romee plank road company, 357, 502-513, 515, 534, 551, 578, 615, 738.
- Bill to incorporate the Plymouth and Detroit plank road company, 357, 374, 375.
- Bill for the improvement of a certain road located in the southern tier of townships in the county of Kalamazoo, 357, 380, 424, 525, 535, 543, 553, 608, 609, 614.
- Bill to incorporate the Ontonagon mining company of Michigan, 358, 443, 444, 447, 453, 596, 597, 631, 649.
- Bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Black Lake plank road company, 358, 370, 502, 514, 515, 533, 550, 578, 615, 738.
- Bill authorizing the laying out a state road from Thome's mills, in Lapeer county, to Axford's mill, in Oakland county, 361, 456, 465, 472, 480, 504, 505, 520, 530.
- Bill to amend section twenty-three of chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, 362, 481, 482, 485, 488, 522, 534, 543.
- Bill to authorize the collection of certain taxes in the township of Flint, in the county of Genesee, 362, 372, 383, 385.
- Bill to incorporate the Mariner's church of Detroit, 364, 370, 486, 487, 503, 610, 611, 626.

- Bill to incorporate the Detroit and Michigan City telegraph company, 364.
- Bill to incorporate the Clinton and Bad river plank road company, 371, 501, 514, 534, 550, 577, 598, 737.
- Bill to incorporate the Jackson and Michigan plank road company, 371, 502, 514, 516, 523, 524, 529, 548, 558, 572.
- Bill to incorporate the Owasso and Bad river plank road company, 371, 501, 514, 515, 533, 540, 545, 553, 560, 578, 590, 737.
- Bill to incorporate the Paw Paw plank road company, 371, 502, 514, 515, 533, 551, 578, 615, 738.
- Bill to incorporate the Adrian and Union City plank road company, 371, 501, 513, 524, 533, 551, 587, 615, 738.
- Bill to incorporate the Michigan and Dewitt plank road company, 371, 501, 534, 538, 622, 623, 657, 738.
- Bill to incorporate the Adrian and Jackson plank road company, 371, 502, 513, 515, 533, 550, 623, 624, 657, 738.
- Bill to incorporate the Detroit and Grand River plank road company, 371.
- Bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Michigan plank road company, 371, 568, 590, 591, 644, 645, 670, 738.
- Bill to incorporate the Monroe manufacturing company, 372, 482, 485, 489, 586, 588, 631, 649.
- Bill to increase the jurisdiction of the county courts and for other purposes, 373, 374, 439, 599, 616, 618.
- Bill to organize townships in this state, 373, 374, 380.
- Bill to incorporate the Grand River plank road company, 374, 502, 514, 515, 533, 549, 578, 737.
- Bill to incorporate the North American mining company of Detroit, 374, 380, 425, 468, 469, 472, 478, 586, 588, 631, 649.
- Bill for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road, 374, 380, 400, 498, 499, 510, 544, 545, 562, 690.
- Bill to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Allegan, 375, 467, 469, 472, 504, 505, 520, 530.
- Bill for the improvement of the Bellevue and Waterloo state road in the county of Eaton, 380, 423, 553, 554, 562, 596, 614, 626.
- Bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern railroad, and to incorporate the Michigan Southern railroad company, 381, 391, 407, 435, 564, 565, 573, 590, 593, 713.
- Bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Kent and Montcalm, 382, 390, 422, 525, 535, 543, 552, 587, 614, 626.
- Bill to incorporate the Romeo and Lapeer plank road company, 382, 502, 514, 515, 534, 550, 577, 590, 737.
- Bill to establish a state road from the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry, to the village of Charlotte in the county of Eaton, 390, 422, 637, 639.
- Bill to establish a state road from the village of Mason to Okemos, in Ingham county, 390, 430, 435, 564, 568, 577, 623, 625.
- Bill to provide for the construction and improvement of the Northern wagon road, from Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Corunna, in the county of Shiawassee, 391, 484, 601, 603, 611, 627, 634, 739.

- Bill** appropriating certain internal improvement lands for opening and improving the state road from Constantine, in St. Joseph county, to Paw Paw, in Van Buren county, through Cassopolis, in Cass county, 391, 448, 602, 611, 627, 634.
- Bill** to authorize F. G. Hubinger and A. Cramer to erect and maintain a dam across Cass river in the county of Saginaw, 392, 398, 498, 510.
- Bill** appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the benefit of the Holland colony and settlers now settling in the counties of Saginaw and Tuscola, 392, 406, 517, 518, 534, 538, 557.
- Bill** to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kalamazoo to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river at the village of Kalamazoo, and for other purposes, 392, 503, 601, 603, 611, 627, 637, 525, 525, 534, 537.
- Bill** to provide for the establishment of a scientific observatory under the patronage of the Detroit young mens' society, 393, 398, 419.
- Bill** to authorize Cholette Cady, Jonathan Hart, and Isaac Merritt, to build a dam across Kalamazoo river, on section twelve, in the township of Battle Creek, 394, 407, 422, 525, 535, 542, 552.
- Bill** to abolish the annual poll tax for the support of the volunteer militia of this state, 394.
- Bill** to authorize Jemima Cole, of the county of Clinton, to convey certain real estate, 399, 446, 464, 687, 638, 663, 670, 696, 718, 746.
- Bill** to authorize proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes, 398, 400, 491, 626, 675.
- Bill** to authorize the minor heirs of Sophia Howell, late of Hillsdale county, deceased, to convey certain real estate, 398, 400, 406, 517, 631, 632.
- Bill** to vacate a certain alley in the village of Albion, in Calhoun county, 398, 400, 406, 517, 524.
- Bill** to incorporate the Michigan and Monroe plank road company, 400.
- Bill** to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Sterling plank road company, 400, 501, 614, 515, 534, 550, 577, 590, 737.
- Bill** providing for internal improvement in the county of Lenawee, 401, 417, 424, 525, 535, 542, 552, 649, 657, 739.
- Bill** to authorize the commissioner of the state land office to convey to Hiram Burnham certain lands selected for saline purposes, 403, 423, 526, 536, 542, 552, 644, 645, 670, 690.
- Bill** to authorize Peter M. Kinde to build a dam across Grand river, 407, 517, 534, 537, 569, 570, 590, 608.
- Bill** to provide for the completion of the capitol buildings, and for the improvement of the capitol grounds, and making appropriations therefor, and for the erection of a bridge and improvement of streets on a portion of the town plat of Michigan, 406, 420, 509, 516, 517, 534, 537, 542, 661, 662, 707.
- Bill** to amend chapter thirty of the revised statutes of the state of Michigan, 413, 426, 442, 564, 565.
- Bill** to incorporate the Adrian and White Pigeon plank road company, 413, 502, 513, 515, 534, 550, 578, 598, 738.

- Bill to incorporate the Eaton Rapids plank road company, 413, 501, 514, 573, 590, 591, 644, 648, 693, 738.
- Bill to authorize Asquire W. Aldrich to build a dam across the Clinton river, in the county of Macomb, 413, 414, 416, 525.
- Bill to incorporate the Temple Building company, of Battle Creek, 415, 447, 476, 637, 638, 643, 656, 657, 667.
- Bill to change the name of the First Presbyterian society of the village of Dexter, 415, 447, 463, 582, 590, 591, 644, 645, 693, 707.
- Bill for the registration of marriages, births and deaths, 417, 435, 564, 565.
- Bill for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanic arts, 417, 418, 438, 564, 579.
- Bill to authorize Lois Young to sell certain real estate, 417, 418, 429, 553, 554, 562, 597, 588.
- Bill repealing sections six, seven and eight, of chapter one hundred and fourteen, of title twenty-four of the revised statutes, 417, 418, 429, 563, 578, 678.
- Bill to amend chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of 1846, 417, 418, 491, 637, 639, 643, 654, 701, 702, 727, 729.
- Bill to authorize Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas, to to erect and maintain a dam across the Grand river, in the county of Ingham, 425, 435, 497, 564, 599, 604, 615, 632, 661.
- Bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for draining a certain marsh, 426, 484, 602, 615, 633, 650, 713.
- Bill to amend an act entitled an act authorizing any persons to construct lines of electric telegraph in the state of Michigan, 429, 727, 735.
- Bill to incorporate the Detroit and Utica plank road company, 430, 502, 513, 515, 534, 551, 577, 596, 737.
- Bill to repeal the charter of the village of Marshall, 430, 509, 637, 639.
- Bill to amend an act to extend Fort street in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from Detroit river to Dearbornville, approved March 22, 1837, 431, 438, 564, 578, 590, 591, 645.
- Bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Oakland, 431, 503, 602, 615, 633, 713.
- Bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands to construct roads and bridges, or for draining swamps and marshes in Calhoun county, 431, 503, 601, 602, 615, 633, 713.
- Bill to amend an act to amend the revised statutes of 1846, 431.
- Bill to prohibit the circulation of foreign notes, 435, 447, 509, 637, 639, 643, 655, 724, 730 741.
- Bill to limit the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil cases, 435, 446, 464, 709, 710.
- Bill to provide for laying out, opening and improving the Vermontville and Benton state road, 438, 463, 582, 590, 591, 622, 623, 657, 660.
- Bill to incorporate the Pittsford and Brockville railroad company, 438, 452, 637, 638.

- Bill to define and regulate the powers and jurisdiction of circuit and county courts in civil and criminal actions, and in the foreclosure of mortgages, 439, 465, 490, 498, 535, 553, 600, 616, 617.
- Bill to incorporate the Leoni Seminary, 440, 447, 564, 566, 610.
- Bill to incorporate the Oakland and Genesee railroad company, 440, 447, 564, 579, 594, 611, 636, 668, 672.
- Bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Valley rail road company, 440, 447, 564, 579, 591, 598, 605, 623, 625, 744.
- Bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a certain road in the county of Ingham, 448, 605, 613, 628.
- Bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the roads in the county of Branch, 448, 449, 503, 601, 603, 611, 627, 633.
- Bill relative to filing the oaths of office and the bonds of civil officers, 448, 449, 470, 638, 640, 655, 661.
- Bill to legalize the assessment of the seventh ward in the city of Detroit, 448, 449, 459, 475.
- Bill to incorporate the Quincy mining company, 451, 458, 572, 579, 591, 614, 648, 670, 679.
- Bill to organize four counties in the upper peninsula, and to define the boundaries of the same, 451, 485, 496, 637, 638, 642, 654, 691, 692, 726, 741.
- Bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pontiac and Genesee railroad company, 455, 456, 458, 582, 583, 591, 603, 604.
- Bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood swamp turnpike company, approved March 9, 1844, and the act to amend said act, approved March 24, 1845, 455, 456, 458, 582, 583, 591.
- Bill relative to specific state taxes on plank road, mining and other incorporations not enumerated in the revised statutes of 1846, 456, 469, 472, 477.
- Bill to organize a certain township, 459, 487, 491, 521.
- Bill to repeal part of an act entitled an act to provide for establishing and improving the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 9, 1844, 459, 476, 637, 640, 665, 670, 696, 718, 740.
- Bill to provide for laying out and working a certain state road, 459, 475, 637, 640.
- Bill to establish a state road from the village of Fentonville, in Genesee county, to Springfield, in Oakland county, 459, 582, 590, 591.
- Bill to provide for compensation made by purchasers at tax and other sales, 460, 461.
- Bill to incorporate the Marshall and Michigan plank road company, 463, 502.
- Bill to establish a state road from the village of Flushing, Genesee county, to the village of Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw 463, 471, 637, 638, 643, 654, 691, 692, 718, 740.
- Bill to amend chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to laying out, altering and discontinuing highways, 467, 468, 472, 480, 504, 505, 520, 530.

- Bill to incorporate the village of Mackinac, 467, 469, 472, 490, 567, 590, 608.
- Bill relative to the last will and testament of Gabriel Richard, deceased, 470, 549, 708, 709, 722, 726, 741, 743.
- Bill to vacate a certain alley in the village of Byron, 471, 496, 637, 638, 643, 654, 714, 715, 718, 740.
- Bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Kent and Ottawa, 471.
- Bill to incorporate the Detroit union society of carpenters and joiners, 473, 474, 483, 638, 640, 663, 670, 692.
- Bill to incorporate the Albion mining company, 473, 475, 483, 572, 577.
- Bill to provide for the laying out and establishing certain state roads, 473, 474, 483, 637, 640, 655.
- Bill to incorporate the New York and Michigan mining company, of Detroit, Michigan, 481, 491, 572, 579, 591, 644, 648, 670, 679.
- Bill for laying out and establishing certain state roads, 486, 487, 492, 638, 640, 654, 681.
- Bill concerning divorce, 486, 487, 491, 637, 638, 654.
- Bill to incorporate the Union Hall association of the village of Tecumseh, 492, 637, 638, 643, 656, 669.
- Bill to incorporate the Tecumseh and Jackson plank road company, 492, 514, 515, 533, 551, 578, 598, 737.
- Bill to incorporate the National mining company, 495, 528, 572, 579, 591, 644, 645, 693, 707.
- Bill to improve the navigation of the Grand river, in the town of Michigan, as a public highway, 497, 541, 561, 709, 716, 781, 784.
- Bill to incorporate the Monroe and Saline plank road company, 501, 513, 515, 534, 551, 577, 590, 738.
- Bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Monroe plank road company, 501, 513, 515, 534, 549, 577, 615, 738.
- Bill to incorporate the Monroe and Erie plank road company, 501, 513, 515, 534, 550, 578, 598, 737.
- Bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ann Arbor plank road company, 501, 513, 515, 533.
- Bill to incorporate the Adrian and Bean creek plank road company, 502, 513, 515, 534, 551, 577, 590, 738.
- Bill to amend chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes, 502, 533, 626, 709, 710.
- Bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Ionia, 503, 637, 638, 642, 655, 740, 691, 692, 717.
- Bill to incorporate the president, directors and company of the Peninsular Bank, 503, 533, 697.
- Bill to incorporate the Bohemian mining company, 504, 506, 528, 572, 577.
- Bill to aid in the construction of bridges in the county of Kent, 504, 505, 521, 601, 603, 611, 627, 632.
- Bill to improve a state road in the county of Hillsdale, 504, 506, 584, 605, 613, 627.
- Bill to empower the judge of probate of the county of Berrien, to au-

- thorize the sale of certain real estate, 504, 505, 519, 637, 638, 655.
- Bill to incorporate the Macomb county mutual insurance company, 509, 528, 532, 709, 710, 719, 741, 744.
- Bill to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa rail road company, 509, 566, 611, 620, 635, 651, 653, 668, 714, 715, 743, 744.
- Bill to incorporate the Detroit and Saline plank road company, 510, 514, 516, 523, 524, 529, 548, 570.
- Bill to incorporate the Detroit and Howell plank road company, 513, 514, 515, 533, 550, 586, 588, 603, 623, 625, 657, 738.
- Bill to incorporate the Lapeer and Pontiac plank road company, 513, 514, 515, 533, 550, 598, 737.
- Bill to incorporate the Detroit and Erie plank road company, 516, 533, 550, 578, 589, 737.
- Bill to carry out the recommendations of the Executive in relation to theatrical exhibitions and public shows, 521, 532.
- Bill to abolish theatrical exhibitions, public shows, or other exhibitions, 521, 532.
- Bill to incorporate the Pontiac and Lapeer plank road company, 522, 523, 529, 548, 551, 558, 572, 578.
- Bill to incorporate the Genesee county plank road company, 522, 523, 529, 548, 551, 558, 572.
- Bill to incorporate the Michigan and Mason plank road company, 523, 529, 548, 551, 558, 572.
- Bill for the relief of George Buck, 524, 528, 709, 710, 723, 730, 741.
- Bill relative to the repeal of the charter of the village of Ann Arbor, 528, 538, 570.
- Bill to provide for the improvement of the Marshall and Charlotte road, 529, 561, 602, 615, 633, 713.
- Bill for the relief of Nancy Butler, 529, 562, 709, 710, 719, 726, 741.
- Bill to incorporate the Dexter and Michigan plank road company, 530, 531, 567, 576, 596.
- Bill to incorporate the Brest and Ypsilanti plank road company, 530, 531, 567, 577, 596.
- Bill to provide for the improvement of the main road from Jackson, to Michigan, in Ingham county, 531, 532, 567, 601, 603, 613, 626.
- Bill to provide for opening and improving the road from the south line of the township of Mayfield, on the Flint river, to the Holland colony, in the county of Tuscola, and for building a bridge across the Cass river, at or near Hurd's Mill, so called, 531, 594, 605, 613, 628, 634, 661.
- Bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Marshall, and for other purposes, 532.
- Bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne to repair or rebuild the two draw bridges over the river Rouge, the one in the township of Greenfield, and the other in the township of Springwells, in said county, 532, 542, 548, 601, 602, 615, 633, 649, 657, 739.

- Bill to establish a state road from the village of Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Saginaw city in the county of Saginaw, 532, 541, 709, 710, 726, 740.
- Bill to amend an act relative to plank roads, 537, 557, 562, 569.
- Bill to authorize Betsey Hitchcock and Milton R. Moore to convey certain real estate, 541, 576, 709, 714, 715, 726, 741.
- Bill to authorize Harriet Woolcott and Isaac B. Hathaway, to convey certain real estate, 541, 576, 708, 709, 714, 715, 718, 740.
- Bill to authorize Luther B. Hill and Porter S. Pennell to build a dam across the Thornapple river, in the county of Barry, 541, 662, 670, 696, 717, 741.
- Bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Albion to Eaton Rapids, and to make an appropriation for opening and improving the same, 544, 545, 595, 605, 613, 634, 661.
- Bill relative to insurances on lives for the benefit of married women, 544, 545, 555, 709, 710.
- Bill to exempt a homestead from forced sale in certain cases, 544, 545, 556, 579.
- Bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road between Fentonville and Springfield, 549, 601, 602, 615, 633, 661, 662, 680, 694, 707.
- Bill to extend certain provisions of chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes of 1846, to patents and other conveyances, 549, 576, 709, 710.
- Bill making appropriations for the salaries of state officers for the year 1848, 555, 557, 559, 670, 714, 715, 727, 735, 744.
- Bill to amend an act to incorporate the Pittsburg and Boston mining company, of Pittsburg, 556, 557, 567, 576.
- Bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of the road from Mason, in the county of Ingham, to Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw, 556, 557, 567, 605, 613, 628, 634, 661.
- Bill granting to religious denominations of professing Christians suitable grounds in the town of Michigan, owned by the state, whereon to erect houses of public worship, 557, 607, 696, 704.
- Bill to authorize the corporation of the village of Adrian to borrow money for the purposes therein mentioned, 557, 585, 731, 736.
- Bill to incorporate the Michigan mining company, 558, 585, 598, 600, 645, 648, 675, 679.
- Bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Barry, 559, 594, 605, 613, 642, 654, 713.
- Bill to incorporate the Algonquin mining company, 558, 572, 579, 591, 644, 645, 669, 679.
- Bill for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Paw Paw in Van Buren county, to the village of Allegan in Allegan county, 558, 594, 605, 613, 628, 642, 654, 712.
- Bill to incorporate the Michigan and Ontario transportation company, 558, 585, 598, 600, 736.
- Bill to provide for statistical information, 562, 611, 707, 714, 715, 718, 740.

- Bill** appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a state road from Michigan in the county of Ingham, to Byron in the county of Shiawassee,, 567, 605, 613, 628, 642, 654, 680, 694.
- Bill** to amend chapter ninety of the revised statutes of 1846, 567, 531.
- Bill** to establish a branch of the University of Michigan, as a state normal school, 569, 570, 705, 720.
- Bill** relative to common schools, 569, 570, 607, 733.
- Bill** to incorporate the Corunna and Saginaw plank road company, 569, 570, 585, 591, 621.
- Bill** to incorporate the Brooklyn and Rome plank road company, 569, 571, 585, 591.
- Bill** relating to depositions taken within this state, 569, 571, 589, 600.
- Bill** making an appropriation of certain internal improvement lands for making a slack water navigation in the river Huron, from the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to Lake Erie, in the county of Wayne, 569, 571, 595, 606, 612, 620, 641, 725, 733.
- Bill** appropriating certain internal improvement lands for improving the road between the village of Eaton Rapids and Michigan, 569, 571, 595, 606, 613, 628, 633, 661.
- Bill** to authorize the supervisors of Berrien county, to construct and maintain certain bridges in that county, 569, 571, 584, 731.
- Bill** to vacate certain streets in the village of Union City, 571, 701, 704, 712, 718, 741.
- Bill** to regulate the first township election in the township of Grosse Point, and for other purposes, 571, 578, 579, 595.
- Bill** to provide for the improvement of the Monroe and Grand River road, 573, 595, 605, 613, 628, 643, 654, 713.
- Bill** to incorporate the Battle Creek and Union City plank road company, 575, 577, 608, 609, 737.
- Bill** to incorporate the Ann Arbor and Michigan plank road company, 578, 585, 590, 614.
- Bill** to authorize Stephen V. Kinney to build a dam across Grand river, 584, 663, 670, 696, 717, 740.
- Bill** to provide for laying out and establishing a state road from Green Bay to Lake Superior, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses thereof, 586, 588, 598, 732.
- Bill** incorporating the Lac la Belle mining company, 586, 587, 592.
- Bill** to incorporate the Union Church of Flushing, 586, 587, 597, 699.
- Bill** to incorporate the Washtenaw woolen manufacturing company of the county of Washtenaw, 586, 587, 600, 610, 645.
- Bill** to incorporate the Detroit and Mt. Clemens plank road company, 586, 587, 620, 635, 649.
- Bill** to incorporate the Medora mining company, 586, 587, 598, 600.
- Bill** to amend section one hundred and thirty-four, chapter ninety, title twenty-one, of the revised statutes, 586, 588, 600.
- Bill** to authorize the district board of school district number eleven, in the township of Coldwater, county of Branch, to borrow a certain sum of money, 586, 588, 607, 631, 632.

- Bill to amend chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes of 1846, 588, 733.
- Bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor manufacturing company, 589, 614, 620, 635, 673, 693, 707.
- Bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the supervisors of the county of Kent to construct a canal and locks around the rapids of Grand river at Grand Rapids, approved February 20, 1847, and the act amendatory thereto, approved January 29, 1848, 608, 609.
- Bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Adrian insurance company, 608, 609, 619, 706, 733.
- Bill to authorize the county of Ingham to borrow a certain sum of money, 608, 609, 678, 695.
- Bill authorizing the commissioner of the land office to appraise and receive damages on certain lands, 610.
- Bill authorizing the district board of fractional school district number one in the townships of Battle Creek, Emmett and Bedford, in the county of Calhoun, to borrow a certain sum of money, 610, 651, 659, 670, 691, 692, 717, 741.
- Bill providing for internal improvement in the county of Washtenaw, 614, 626, 642, 713.
- Bill to incorporate the Lake Superior mining company, of Eagle river, 621, 642, 656, 681, 682, 693, 707.
- Bill to incorporate the New England mining company, 621, 642, 656, 681, 682, 693, 707.
- Bill appropriating certain internal improvement lands for the improvement of a certain road leading from the village of Schoolcraft in Kalamazoo county, to intersect the territorial road in the county of Van Buren, 621, 642.
- Bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide against the recovery of damages done by beasts on lands not enclosed by a lawful fence, approved March 17, 1847, and for other purposes, 622, 624, 641, 734.
- Bill to legalize the acts of the trustees of the first society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the town of Hadley, in the county of Lapeer, 622, 624, 641, 732.
- Bill relating to the foreclosure of mortgages in the circuit courts in chancery, 622, 624, 678.
- Bill to provide for ascertaining county and township expenses, 622, 624, 642, 734.
- Bill to legalize the appointment of the trustees of the first Methodist Episcopal church of the township of Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, 622.
- Bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie Plank road company, 626, 630, 642, 656, 681, 682, 693, 738.
- Bill relative to free schools in the city of Detroit, 644, 646, 659, 734.
- Bill to repeal sections three, four and five of an act making appropriations on the Central and Southern railroads, and for other purposes, approved February 23, 1843, 644, 645, 687.
- Bill to regulate and define the jurisdiction of the circuit and county courts, 644, 646.

- Bill to amend chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the revised statutes of the state of Michigan, 644, 645, 678, 725.
- Bill to extend the time for perfecting sales on property levied upon for delinquent taxes for the year 1848, in the village of Pontias, 650, 680, 694, 707.
- Bill relative to the publication of the tax list for Eaton county, for the year 1848, 654, 902, 704, 712, 718.
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